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First case of Zika virus in Karnataka reported from Raichur

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The first case of Zika virus in the State has been reported from Raichur. According to a Pune lab report, a five-year-old girl has tested positive for the virus and has been advised to take precautionary measures, Health Minister K. Sudhakar has said. He said that this was the first case in the State, and the government was monitoring the situation. "Our department is well prepared to handle it," he said at a press conference on Monday.

"Three specimens were sent to the Pune lab on December 5 and the report came on December 8. According to the report, two specimens were negative and one turned out to be Zika positive," he said.

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Indian and Chinese soldiers clash near Arunachal border

Both sides 'suffered injuries' and the troops immediately disengaged from the area, says the Army; commanders hold a Flag Meeting to discuss the issue and restore peace in the Tawang sector

Vijaita Singh
Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Face-off: This is the first such incident after the June 2020 episode when 20 Indian soldiers were killed in Galwan Valley. FILE PHOTO

Indian and Chinese soldiers suffered "minor injuries" in a face-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh on December 9, the Army said on Monday evening. *The Hindu* had earlier in the day reported the clash that occurred at Yangtse. Around 20 Indian soldiers and a much higher number on the Chinese side were injured, multiple sources had said.

"On December 9, 2022, People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops contacted the LAC in the Tawang sector, which was contested by own troops in a firm and resolute manner. This face-off led to minor injuries to a few personnel from both sides," the Army said in a statement after reports of the incident. "Both sides immediately disengaged from the area."

As a follow-up to the incident, Commanders on both sides held a Flag Meeting to discuss the issue in accordance with structured mechanisms to restore peace and tranquility, the Army's statement added. It noted that in certain areas along the LAC in the Tawang sector, there are areas of differing perception, wherein both sides patrol the area up to their claim lines. This had been the trend since 2006, the Army added.

This is the first such incident after the June 15, 2020 episode when 20 Indian soldiers were killed and several others were injured in violent clashes with the PLA troops in Ladakh's Galwan Valley.

The clash occurred as a large PLA patrol came across into the Indian side, one Army source said. "Injuries on the Chinese side were much higher than on the Indian side," the source added. At least three different units of the Indian Army were present at the time of the face-off, it has been learnt.

According to another source, a few soldiers sustained fractured limbs during the skirmish and are said to be recuperating at a hospital in Guwahati. Around 600 PLA soldiers were present when the clashes took place, the source said.

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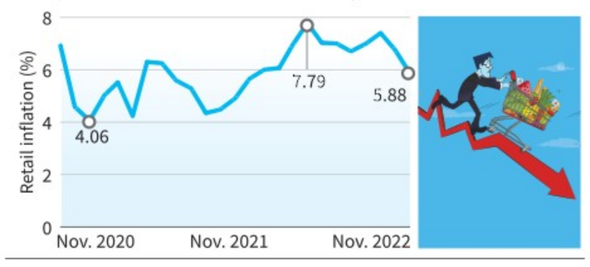
Retail inflation falls below 6% mark for first time in 2022



Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Cooling vegetable and edible oil prices drove India's retail inflation down to 5.88% in November from 6.77% in October, the first time since January this year that consumer prices have risen slower than the 6% tolerance threshold set for the Reserve Bank of India.

Food price inflation faced by consumers eased to an 11-month low of 4.67% from over 7% in October, but rural consumers faced a greater burden with a 5.2% price rise in food items, compared to just 3.7% for their urban peers.

Overall rural retail inflation also stayed high at 6.09%.

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Bus yatra on lines of Panchajanya yatra of 1999

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Congress leaders have been directed to take out a joint yatra on the lines of the Panchajanya yatra taken out by the party in 1999 that led to the formation of the S.M Krishna government. » PAGE 4

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

A rise in gem and jewellery exports after Diwali, says GJEPC

11.83 In percentage, the rise in gems and jewellery exports to ₹19,855 crore in November compared to the year-ago period on the back of resumption of manufacturing activities after Diwali, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). The exports stood at ₹17,755 crore in November 2021. PTI

Number of marriages registered in Delhi in the past three years

60,349 The number of marriages registered in Delhi in the last three years, a figure that is believed to be much lower than the actual number of weddings. The Hindu Marriage Act comprised a significant chunk of the registrations. At 975, the northeast district had the least number of registrations. PTI

Very few functional disability rehab centres in India

55-60 The number of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in the country so far, against the target of 269, according to a parliamentary standing committee report. The report, tabled in the Lok Sabha, asked the government to expedite the process and set up the centres in every designated district at the earliest. PTI

Safety issues for domestic airlines due to bird hits

526 The number of safety issues due to bird hits reported by domestic airlines between 2018 and October 2022, the Parliament was informed. Under civil aviation norms, aerodrome operators should take necessary action to identify, manage and mitigate the risk of collision between wildlife and aircraft, Minister of State for Civil Aviation V.K. Singh said. PTI

The cost of civil war in Yemen; more than 3,000 children dead

3,774 The number of children killed in Yemen's civil war between March 2015 and September 2022, according to the latest statistics published by the United Nations Children's Fund. Further, 7,245 children have been maimed in the conflict, which has pitted Houthi rebels against a Saudi-led coalition. AP

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LETTER & SPIRIT

In a deadlock: Union Minister for Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju interacts with Chief Justice of India D. Y. Chandrachud in New Delhi on November 9. PTI

Why is there friction between the government and the judiciary?

What is the trigger for the current conflict? Why did the Supreme Court strike down the law on National Judicial Appointments? What is the government's grouse against the Collegium system? What was the Constitution (99th Amendment) Act? What is the new CJI planning?

Krishnadas Rajagopal

The story so far:

A major confrontation is on between the Union government and the Supreme Court over the former's resentment towards the Collegium system of appointments and its push to have a dominant say in judicial appointments and transfers. The government has also started airing its grievance against the invalidation of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) by the court in 2015. The current round of conflict has two triggers. One is the government's repeated public criticism of the Collegium system on the ground that it is "opaque". The other concerns a ping-pong battle between the Collegium and the government over the names being recommended and reiterated for appointment in constitutional courts.

How did the latest bout begin?

On October 17, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju shot a salvo at the Supreme Court Collegium, saying they were "preoccupied" with making judicial appointments when their primary job is delivering justice. Mr. Rijiju's comments came at the fag end of the 49th Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana's tenure, which saw the Collegium recommend 363 names for High Court judgeships and 11 names for the Supreme Court. On November 6, Mr. Rijiju complained again on the lack of accountability of the Collegium system and made references to the court striking down the NJAC law, which gave the government an equal say in appointments, in October 2015. His criticism coincided with Justice D.Y. Chandrachud taking over as top judge on November 9 for a two-year tenure.

Meanwhile, on November 17, Chief Justice Chandrachud agreed to list in due course a writ petition to reconsider the Collegium system. The SC also began its counter-offensive with the CJI advising that the Collegium and the government should work with a sense of "constitutional statesmanship" rather than find fault with each other. On the judicial side, a Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul took cognisance of the government sitting on Collegium recommendations for years together for "undisclosed reasons". It later went on to link the government's willingness to "cross some Rubicons" and take on the judiciary by delaying Collegium recommendations to the quashing of the NJAC mechanism.

But the same evening, there were media reports that the government had returned 20 names recommended by the Collegium for High Court judgeships. A few days later, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar remarked that a law – without specifically naming the NJAC – passed by Parliament and expressing the will of the people had been "undone" by the court disregarding parliamentary sovereignty.

The procedure for appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and the High Courts, in accordance with the Collegium system, was laid down in the Memorandum of Procedure

On December 8, Justice Kaul's Bench said nobody was stopping the government from bringing a new law on judicial appointments, but till then the Collegium system and its Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) was the "final word". The Court said that even if a law was enacted in the future, its constitutionality would be duly scrutinised by the Supreme Court.

The parliamentary standing committee on Law and Personnel led by senior BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi in its report said both the judiciary and the government need to do some "out-of-the-box" thinking to deal with the "perennial" judicial vacancies in High Courts. It said that both institutions were not adhering to the timeline given in the Second Judges case and the MoP.

What is the MoP and what is its current status?

The procedure for appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and the High Courts, in accordance with the Collegium system, was laid down in the MoP prepared in 1998. It states that the initiation of a proposal for appointment of Supreme Court judges vested with the CJI and that of High Court judges with the Chief Justice of the High Courts concerned. The MoP required the Chief Justices of High Courts to initiate the proposals six months prior to vacancies. The Constitution (99th Amendment) Act was passed by Parliament to provide for a National Judicial Commission, which was duly formed by the NJAC Act. On October 12, 2015, the court struck down the NJAC Act and the Constitution Amendment which sought to give politicians and civil society a final say in the appointment of judges to the highest courts. However, the court said the 21-year-old Collegium system needed a re-look. The court directed the government to finalise a revised MoP in consultation with the CJI and the Collegium. A revised MoP was sent to the CJI by the government on March 22, 2016 for the response of the Collegium.

The Collegium responded with its own revisions on May 25 and July 7 of 2016. There was an additional round of consultation when the government responded to these revisions on August 3, 2016 to which the Collegium sent back comments on March 13, 2017. Incidentally, the government, after a gap of three months, wrote to the Chief Justice of India on July 4, 2017, drawing the latter's attention to the court's own judgment in a suo motu contempt case against Calcutta High Court judge, Justice C.S. Karnan, who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Two judges on the Bench, Justices Ranjan Gogoi and J. Chelameswar, had observed that the appointment of Mr. Karnan revealed loopholes in the Collegium system and laid bare the lacunae in making a correct "assessment of the personality" at the time of elevation of people to the Bench. The court did not respond to the letter, according to the government. The Centre said it would finalise the MoP only after receiving inputs from the Supreme Court.

What are the government's grievances?

The Centre argues that the Collegiums, both at the Supreme Court and High Court levels, are delaying judicial appointments. The NJAC was a good law thwarted by the court.

It says that the High Courts are not making recommendations six months in advance of a vacancy. As on November 30, 2022, there are 332 judicial vacancies in the High Courts out of a total sanctioned strength of 1,108 judges. The High Courts have made 146 (44%) recommendations which are under consideration of the government and the Supreme Court. The High Courts are required to make recommendations for the remaining 186 vacancies (56%). Many High Courts have not made recommendations under the Bar and Service quotas for vacancies in the past one to five years. It said 43 High Court judges are scheduled to retire between December 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023, taking the vacancies up to 229. So far, no recommendations have been received.

The government has complained that the Supreme Court rejects 25% names recommended by the High Courts for judgeships. While making 165 appointments during 2022, 221 recommendations made by the High Courts were processed. The remaining 56 proposals were rejected by the Supreme Court Collegium. Sixty-six fresh proposals of names for judgeships are pending Intelligence Bureau inputs. The delay in the appointment process has affected the timely filling up of vacancies in the High Courts. The Supreme Court itself has six vacancies. Justice Dipankar Datta, whose recommendation was pending with the government for nearly three months, was sworn in as the 28th judge of the Supreme court on December 12.

What is the SC's response?

The court said the Collegium system, combined with the MoP, is the law as it exists now. The government has either kept Collegium recommendations pending for no apparent reason or it has repeatedly sent back names reiterated by the Collegium. The court accused the government of not appointing persons who are not "palatable" to it.

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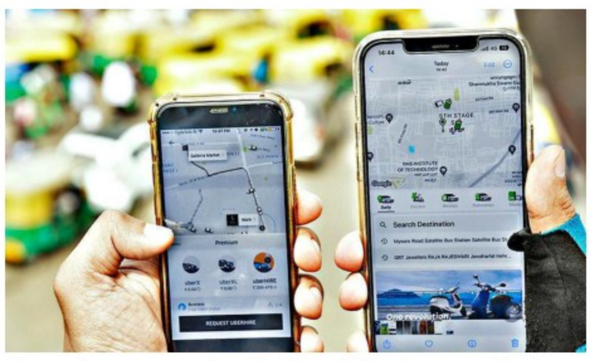
Govt. has no power to decide service charge: App-based aggregators to HC

They say government has not limited service charge for aggregators, who provide bus services, airline ticketing, and food delivery services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

App-based transport technology aggregators on Monday contended before the High Court of Karnataka that the State government has no power under the Motor Vehicles Act to fix or limit service charge to be collected by them, for providing autorickshaw services through their platform.

However, the government defended its action of limiting the service charge to only 5% of the government-fixed autorickshaw fare to be collected by the aggregators, stating that it had the power to regulate the 'fare.'



The app-based aggregators, like Ola and Uber, have sought a stay on notification on service charge by the government. FILE PHOTO

While the aggregators have sought a stay of the notification fixing the service charge, the government opposed their plea during a hearing on the petitions filed by them questioning the legality of fixing the service charge.

It was also argued on behalf of the aggregators that the government had, on one hand, imposed a series of conditions on the aggregators under the Karnataka On-demand Transport Technology Aggregators Rules, 2016, and, on the other hand, had also restricted service charge to 5% of the fare.

This clearly demonstrated non-application of the mind by the government as even the conditions imposed under the Rules could not be complied with, the aggregators contended.

Pointing out that the government had not come out with any notification limiting service charge for app-based aggregators, who provide bus services, airline ticketing, and food delivery services, Ola and Uber have contended that the government's action is discriminatory and selective.

Justice C.M. Poonacha, who heard the arguments, has adjourned further hearing till December 13. Meanwhile, the court continued its earlier interim order of permitting the aggregators to collect service charge at 10% of the autorickshaw fare fixed by the government.

Tunnel boring machine Vamika sees light at Lakkasandra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A tunnel boring machine (TBM), named Vamika, achieved a breakthrough at Lakkasandra on Monday. The machine started its journey from the Dairy Circle side in April. Interestingly, on the same route, another machine, Rudra, was stuck after encountering a garbage pile-up 30 feet below the surface.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) officials said that Vamika did not face any hurdles and came out at the designated point as planned.

A senior official of the BMRCL said: "The two machines were drilling on parallel routes between Dairy Circle and Lakkasandra. The distance between the two machines is around 15 metres. TBM Rudra faced unexpected hurdles and was stuck because of garbage. A narrow stretch of a decades-old quarry, which later turned into a garbage dump, came in the way of the machine. We have taken all the machines to resume the works that include stabilising the soil and building a concrete box. The machine will reopen the tunnel within a few weeks."

To facilitate the work, the BMRCL had removed several structures in the area as a safety measure.

TBM Vamika tunnelled 742 metres from Dairy Circle to Lakkasandra. Prior to that, it tunnelled 613 metres from South Ramp to Dairy Circle. The machine will be further deployed at the other end of Lakkasandra to tunnel towards the proposed Langford metro station. TBM Rudra will also tunnel the same distance in the coming days.

Under phase II of Namma Metro, the BMRCL is building a tunnel network from Dairy Circle to Nagawara for 14 km. A total of nine machines have been deployed to build the network. The tunnel goes via areas such as Brigade Road, M.G. Road, Shivajinagar, Cantonment, and Tannery Road before reaching Nagawara.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (December 13, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- Letter & Spirit| Why is there friction between the government and the judiciary? **bit.ly/judiciaryexplains**

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Man beaten to death for sexually assaulting minor girl

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 73-year-old labourer was allegedly beaten to death by an angry mob for sexually assaulting a minor from his neighborhood in Hennur police station limits on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Kuppanna, a resident of Babusapalya. He was a construction labourer living alone.

According to the police, on Sunday, he noticed the victim, aged 12, come to the terrace to get her uniform kept for drying. Kuppanna allegedly invited her home and offered her juice spiked with a sedative. The victim passed out soon after consuming the juice, following which the accused sexually assaulted her, the police said.

The incident came to light when the victim did not return home and the family came in search of her and found her in Kuppanna's house. The family members and the neighbours beat him up and left him unattended, said the police.

The family members went to the police station the next day to file a complaint and narrated the incident. The police rushed to Kuppanna's house to secure him and found him lying motionless. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared him as brought dead.

Aero India: No steep hike in ticket rates

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

There is no steep hike in ticket rates for the 14th edition of Aero India, which will be held at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka.

The ticket rates for the 2023 edition is almost similar to the last edition in 2021.

The biennial air show will begin on February 13 and conclude on February 17; the first three days are business days and the last two are public days.

As per the terms and conditions for Aero India 2023, the business passes will be available at ₹5,000 for Indians and $150 for foreign nationals on all days of the show.

On public days, the general visitor passes, providing access to the exhibition area and the air display area, will be available at ₹2,500 for Indians and $50 for foreign nationals.

Likewise, the air display viewing area (ADVA) passes can be purchased at ₹1,000 for Indians and $50 for foreign nationals. During the last edition, ADVA tickets were priced at ₹1,000 for Indians and $40 for foreigners.

"As per stipulations of the State government and subject to public gatherings being permitted and/or scheduling of public days, the ADVA entry to witness the Aero Display will open post the inaugural event viz. 1 p.m. on February 13 and on all other days from 9 a.m.," stated the terms and conditions for Aero India 2023, on the official website. The charges for all types of passes are inclusive of GST, it added.

There will also be a discount for exhibitors who make their bookings before December 31.

Man cheating senior citizens at ATMs arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a five-month chase, the Chickballapur police on Monday arrested a 32-year-old man from Mysuru, who would steal the debit cards of senior citizens visiting ATMs on the pretext of helping them withdraw money.

The accused, identified as B.K. Kiran Kumar from Halenahalli, Mysuru, would also record the PIN on his phone and would later use it to withdraw the money.

The accused, allegedly involved in eight such cases across the State, was pinned down by policemen in plain clothes, who kept a watch on the ATMs anticipating that he would visit again. The accused had come to an ATM at Chamarajapet in Sidlaghatta, when the police nabbed him.

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According to the police, a detailed inquiry led him to confess, based on which the police recovered 14 debit cards of different banks and ₹2.4 lakh in cash.

The accused, according to the police, would target senior citizens visiting ATMS and on the pretext of helping them withdraw cash, would record their PIN, and replace their debit card with a similar dummy card.

Using a similar modus operandi, the accused cheated Reddappa, a elderly man from Sulikunte village, when he had visited an ATM on B.B. Road in Chickballapur. Using the victim's PIN and the debit card, the accused had withdrawn ₹1.6 lakh and escaped.

Based on a complaint, the police stepped up vigil and deployed policemen to look for the suspect.

Hitching a ride proves costly for IT firm employee

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Seeking a lift from an unknown scooter rider proved costly for a 29-year-old IT firm employee, who was abducted and robbed of his valuables worth ₹1.6 lakh.

The victim, Mallikarjun M., a resident of Chikkabegur, was waiting for transport on Thursday night. After he did not find any, he stopped a scooter rider, seeking a lift till the Silk Board junction. According to the police, the motorist agreed and the duo went to pick up liquor and food. Mr. Mallikarjun even offered drinks to him.

While on the way, the scooter driver took a detour on the pretext of delivering food to his friend. The accused took Mr. Mallikarjun to an isolated place, while one of his associates joined him and followed them on another scooter, according the police.

The accused stopped the scooter, dragged Mr. Mallikarjun down and stole his gold chain and three gold rings worth ₹1.6 lakh, before speeding away, said the police.

As rain falls in Bengaluru, vegetable prices rise

Navya M.S.
BENGALURU

Continuous rainfall in recent days has pushed up prices of vegetables in Bengaluru and they are likely to soar higher in the coming days, as production has taken a hit in most places due to the showers

In prominent markets, such as Vijayanagar, Kalasipalyam, and Yeshwanthpur, the prices have gone up by almost 20%.

From ₹30 per kg last week, onion is now being sold at ₹50 per kg, while the price of carrot has risen to ₹80 per kg from ₹60. Radish is selling at ₹40 per kg, while beans have shot up from ₹30 to ₹70 per kg.

Capsicum, ladies' finger, brinjal, cucumber, and kohlrabi are priced between ₹40 and ₹80 per kg.

Owing to the rain, the footfall at the markets has also reduced, traders reported. "The prices are high due to incessant rain. Business in the past one week has also gone down. In order to sustain, we will have to increase the prices," said Venkatesh, a vendor in Vijayanagar.

In markets, such as Vijayanagar, Kalasipalyam, and Yeshwanthpur, prices have gone up by almost 20%. K. MURALI KUMAR

In the coming weeks, the prices of vegetables will also be dependent on the prices of *avarekaayi* according to the traders. "Only when the prices of *avare* increases, the prices of the other vegetables will increase. Otherwise, they will be stable," said Vinay Prasad, a vendor.

The rain has especially hampered the growth of green leafy vegetables, like spinach, coriander, and fenugreek, and their prices have skyrocketed.

"We were selling one spinach bundle for ₹30 a week ago. Now, the same bundle costs ₹50," said Ashok, a vegetable vendor at Yeshwanthpur market.

Gangamma, a resident of Hosahalli, said, "The prices of vegetables during a spell of rain usually rise, but this time the cost of green leaves per bunch is almost ₹55."

Light rain, chilly weather, continue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru continued to witness light rain owing to the effect of cyclone Mandous, affecting traffic movement in the city on Monday.

Special Commissioner of Police, M.A. Saleem, in a tweet on Monday, asked the citizens to use public transport for commuting. "Due to heavy rains, traffic may be slow today. Please take public transport for travelling in the city," he tweeted.

Meanwhile, due to water logging at Silk Board Junction, movement of traffic was slow while the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) control room reported incidents of trees being uprooted in the city.

According to officials in the BBMP control room, two trees were uprooted in Malleswaram and Sadashivanagar in west Bengaluru on Monday.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Increase in numbers: Women stand in queue to cast their vote during the first phase of Panchayat elections at Khajuri Sadak village in Bhopal in June. A. M. FARUQUI

Weighing in on the efficacy of female leadership in government

It is necessary to get rid of inherent biases and perceptions about the effectiveness of women in roles of authority by encouraging measures which will ensure female participation and representation in matters of state and policy

Bhaskar Dutta

According to government data presented in the Lok Sabha on December 9, women representation in Parliament and most States legislatures is below 15% with 19 Assemblies having less than 10% women lawmakers. In this article dated September 24, 2020, Bhaskar Dutta explains why we need increased female representation in policy making.

What do Germany, Taiwan and New Zealand have in common? These are all countries that have women heading their governments. And although they are located in three different continents, the three countries seem to have managed the pandemic much better than their neighbours. Much along the same lines, a detailed recent study by researchers in the United States reports that States which have female governors had fewer COVID-19 related deaths, perhaps partly because female governors acted more decisively by issuing earlier stay-at-home orders. The authors of the study conclude that women leaders are more effective than their male counterparts in times of crises. There will be several critics who will question the reliability of this conclusion by pointing out deficiencies in the data – admittedly somewhat limited – or the econometric rigour of the analysis. Many will also point out that it is dangerous to make sweeping generalisations based on one study. The point about the danger of making sweeping generalisations is valid. Of course, studies such as these do not establish the superiority of all female leaders over their male counterparts. All female leaders are not necessarily efficient, and there are many men who have proved to be most effective and charismatic leaders. The important takeaway from the recent experience and such studies is the necessity of getting rid of inherent biases and perceptions about female effectiveness in leadership roles.

India's gram panchayats

Importantly, female leaders also bring something quite different to the table. In particular, they perform significantly better than men in implementing policies that promote the interests of women.

This was demonstrated in another study conducted by Nobel Laureate Esther Duflo and co-author Raghabendra Chattopadhyay, who used the system of mandated reservations of pradhans in gram panchayats to test the effectiveness of female leadership. Their study was made possible by the 1993 amendment of the Indian Constitution, which mandated that all States had to reserve one-third of all positions of pradhan for women. Since villages chosen for the mandated reservations were randomly selected, subsequent differences in investment decisions made by gram panchayats could be attributed to the differences in gender of the pradhans.

Chattopadhyay and Duflo concluded that pradhans invested more in rural infrastructure that served better the needs of their own gender. For instance, women pradhans were more likely to invest in providing easy access to drinking water since the collection of drinking water is primarily, if not solely, the responsibility of women.

In addition to the instrumental importance of promoting more space for women in public policy, this is also an important goal from the perspective of gender equality. The right to vote is arguably the most important dimension of participation in public life. There are others. What proportion of women stand for election to the various State and central legislatures? How many are elected? Perhaps more important, how many women occupy important positions in the executive branch of government?

About suffrage

Independent India can rightly be proud of its achievement in so far as women's suffrage is concerned. Women were allowed to vote from 1950 onwards and so could participate on an equal footing with men from the first general election of 1951-52. This is in striking contrast to the experience in the so-called "mature democracies" of western Europe and the United States. In the U.S., it took several decades of struggle before women were allowed to vote in 1920. Most countries in Europe also achieved universal suffrage during the inter-war period. Since most able- bodied men went away to the battlefields during the First World War, increasing numbers of women had the opportunity to show that they were adequate substitutes in activities that were earlier the sole preserve of men. This, it is suggested, mitigated the anti-female bias and earned women the right to vote in European countries.

We have had and have charismatic female leaders like Indira Gandhi, Jayalalitha, Mayawati, Sushma Swaraj and Mamata Banerjee among several others. Interestingly, a glaring example of gender stereotyping was the labelling of Indira Gandhi as the "only man in the cabinet". Apart from these stalwarts, the overall figures are depressing.

The female representation in the current National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre is probably not very far from the typical gender composition in Indian central and State governments. Female members make up only about 10% of the total ministerial strength. The underrepresentation of female Ministers in India is also reflected in the fact that Ms. Banerjee is currently the only female Chief Minister.

The underrepresentation of women in Indian legislatures is even more striking. For instance, the 2019 election sent the largest number of women to the Lok Sabha. Despite this, women constitute just over 14% of the total strength of the Lok Sabha. This gives us the dismal rank of 143 out of 192 countries for which data are reported by the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Tiny Rwanda comes out on top with a staggering 60% of seats in its lower house occupied by women.

The women's Bill languishes

Since women running for elections face numerous challenges, it is essential to create a level-playing field through appropriate legal measures. The establishment of quotas for women is an obvious answer. I have mentioned earlier that mandated reservation for women in gram panchayats was established in all major States since the mid-1990s. Attempts have also been made to extend quotas for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies through a Women's Reservation Bill. Unfortunately, the fate of this Bill represents a blot on the functioning of the Indian Parliament. The Bill was first presented to the Lok Sabha by the H.D. Deve Gowda government in 1996.

Male members from several parties opposed the Bill on various pretexts. Subsequently, both the NDA and United Progressive Alliance governments have reintroduced the Bill in successive Parliaments, but without any success. Although the Rajya Sabha did pass the bill in 2010, the Lok Sabha and the State legislatures are yet to give their approval – despite the 24 years that have passed since it was first presented in the Lok Sabha.

Steps to reducing prejudice

Of course, there is a simple fix to the problem. The major party constituents of the NDA and UPA alliances can sidestep the logjam in Parliament by reserving say a third of party nominations for women. This will surely result in increasing numbers of women in legislatures and subsequently in cabinets. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. There is substantial evidence showing that increased female representation in policy making goes a long way in improving perceptions about female effectiveness in leadership roles. This decreases the bias among voters against women candidates, and results in a subsequent increase in the percentage of female politicians contesting and winning elections. So, such quotas have both a short-term and long-term impact.

Indeed, voter perceptions about the efficacy of female leadership may change so drastically in the long run that quotas may no longer be necessary!

Bhaskar Dutta is Professor, Ashoka University. The views expressed are personal

KEYWORD

What are the factors of production?

While some consider land, labour and capital to be the building blocks of economy others include time and entrepreneurship as well

Prashanth Perumal

Factors of production are resources that are thought to be the basic building blocks of production in any economy. Land, labour, and capital are widely considered to be the three main factors of production. These are absolutely necessary for the production of any good or service. Take the case of something as simple as a burger. The production of burgers require real estate and raw materials (land), the effort of a number of workers (labour), and culinary equipment (capital). In fact, such mixing of land, labour, and capital can be seen at various stages of the production process of any good in the modern economy. More recently, entrepreneurship is also considered by many to be the fourth factor of production. It is believed to be the most crucial factor of production that brings together the other three factors.

Some heterodox economists, however, consider land, labour, and time to be the three primary factors of production. They believe capital and entrepreneurship to be secondary factors of production in the sense that these factors are derived by first combining land, labour, and time. In the modern economy, physical capital such as machines are produced by first mixing land and labour over a certain period of time. Only after this happens do we see capital being brought to life and used to produce goods and services. Similarly, these economists argue, entrepreneurship which involves an element of uncertainty can also be seen as the product of mixing the three primary factors of production, namely land, labour, and time. An individual or a group of entrepreneurs usually take the risk of investing money in the present moment and then wait to reap the rewards of the investment sometime in the uncertain future. An entrepreneur's ideas can be considered to be a form of labour as well. And the real estate and other materials the entrepreneur uses for work can be classified as land.

Private or public ownership

The ownership of the factors of production has been a matter of intense debate among thinkers belonging to different schools of economic thought. Marxist economists, have long argued that the factors of production need to be collectively owned by the state. Marxists believe that private ownership of the factors of production lead to the exploitation of labour and the mismanagement of scarce resources. They argue that state planners can overcome both these problems by framing a proper collective economic plan. Economists from free market schools of thought, however, strongly believe in the private ownership of all factors of production because of the incentives it offers to resource owners.

THE DAILY QUIZ

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The assembly byelections in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh noticed an unusually low voter turnout, especially in Muslim majority areas. Here's a quiz related to turnout and candidature in Indian elections

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1
In this assembly constituency in Tamil Nadu, in the year 1996, 1,033 candidates contested the seat, 1,030 lost their security deposit, and 88 candidates did not register a single vote. Name the constituency where this happened and why?

QUESTION 2
In a recent byelection in Maharashtra, the NOTA vote share reached an all-time high of 14.79%. Name the constituency.

QUESTION 3
In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, this constituency registered a meagre voter turnout of 8.98%, the lowest in those elections. Name the constituency.

QUESTION 4
In contrast to the answer to Question 3, this constituency registered a turnout of 90.66%, the highest in the same election. Name it.

QUESTION 5
Which parliamentary constituency in India has the lowest number of electors — 47,026 (as of the 2019 LS elections)?

Visual question:
The person in this picture, Sokela Tayang is the only registered voter in a booth in this Assembly constituency in Arunachal Pradesh that is abutting China. Name the constituency. GETTY IMAGES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This film was the last film Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan acted together. **Ans: *Geraftaar***
2. This influential figure was Rajini's co-star in *Tiger*. **Ans: N.T. Rama Rao**
3. This film of Rajinikanth was released in Japan under the title 'Odoru Maharaja'. **Ans: *Muthu***
5. This 1988 film is the only English flick starring the superstar. **Ans: *Bloodstone***
6. Rajinikanth sang a duet with S. Janaki for this film. **Ans: 'Adikuthu kuliru' in *Mannan***
7. He received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award this year. **Ans: 2021**
Visual: Name the film and the name of Rajini's characters. **Ans: *Thillu Mullu* where he was both Aiyampettai Arivudainambi Kaliyaperumal Chandran and Indran**
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Word of the day

Flaccid:
out of condition; not strong or robust; incapable of exertion or endurance

Synonyms: flabby, soft

Usage:
The climax of the film was flaccid and unconvincing.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/flaccidpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈflaksɪd/

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Namma Clinics: BBMP mulls recruitment under compulsory services Act

The civic body has advertised for the job positions four times, but has been able to recruit doctors only for 160 of the 243 clinics being set up in all wards of Bengaluru

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Fearing a shortage of doctors for the Namma Clinics in Bengaluru, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now planning to recruit doctors under the Karnataka Compulsory Training Service By Candidates Completed Medical Courses Act, 2012, which prescribes one-year compulsory service in different types of government health institutions for all postgraduates and undergraduates passing out from Karnataka.

The civic body has advertised for the job positions four times, but has been able to recruit doctors only for 160 of the 243 clinics being set up in all wards of the city.

A senior BBMP official said that they have sent the proposal to the State government exploring one of the alternatives, that is compulsory government service.

"In this compulsory service, we can recruit doctors who can work in the clinics. They will get experience and the clinics can also be run smoothly. The government is yet to take a decision," the official said.

Officials also said that the civic body is also looking into another alternative under the National Medical Guidelines, where the doctors are required to serve for a specific period in State hospitals after the completion of their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar recently said that the government had also offered a salary of ₹35,000, but had now increased it to ₹43,000 for doctors who are recruited for Namma Clinics, given the poor response to the recruitment call. Of the 438 clinics planned, the State is all set to launch 114 on December 14. The plan is to open 100 of the 243 clinics being set up in Bengaluru in the first week of January and the remaining by the end of January.

BBMP officials said that each ward in the city will have at least one clinic, and it will function like a primary health centre. In addition to providing healthcare, the clinics will focus on creating awareness about government healthcare schemes.

"These clinics will provide services for detection of non-communicable diseases and referral for higher treatment to specialists. All appointments would be on temporary terms. The clinics will reduce the burden on the existing health facilities in urban areas," officials explained.

In July this year, as promised in the State Budget, the Cabinet approved the establishment of 438 Namma Clinics across urban local bodies of the State. The clinics are modelled on lines of the Centre's health and wellness centres.

114 Namma Clinics to be inaugurated on Dec. 14

District-wise Namma Clinics

Bagalkot	18	Haveri	5
Ballari	11	Kalaburagi	11
Vijayanagara	6	Kodagu	1
Belagavi	21	Kolar	3
Bengaluru Rural	9	Koppal	3
Bidar	6	Mandya	4
Chamarajanagar	3	Mysuru	6
Chickballapur	3	Raichur	8
Chikkamagaluru	4	Ramanagaram	3
Chitradurga	1	Tumakuru	10
Dakshina Kannada	12	Udupi	10
Davangere	1	Uttara Kannada	10
Dharwad	6	Vijayapura	10
Gadag	1	Yadgir	3
Hassan	5	BBMP limits	243

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As many as 114 Namma Clinics will be inaugurated on December 14 across the State.

Speaking at a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday, K. Sudhakar, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, said: "Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will dedicate the Namma Clinics. In the first phase, 114 clinics will be launched simultaneously across the State. The government is working to operationalise all 438 Namma Clinics across the State soon and all the remaining ones will be operational by January 2023".

"In Bengaluru, 243 Namma Clinics will be functioning in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits, and work is under way to make them functional by the second week of January. At least 150 clinics will surely be available," he said.

"These clinics are targeted at providing primary healthcare services to vulnerable sections of the society, especially slum dwellers, daily wage workers, and other economically weaker sections of society," the Minister said, adding that that each clinic will cater to a population of 10,000 to 20,000.

"Elderly care, emergency medical services, health check-ups, and medicines will be completely free. Fourteen lab tests, tele-consultation services, wellness activities will also be available for free at the clinics. All these services will be available from Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Healthcare services will be accessible easily as these clinics are set up in several areas," he said.

₹150 crore

"This is a project with a total cost of ₹150 crore and most of the clinics will start working in government buildings. Already, 300 doctors have been appointed and there is a shortage of doctors at a few places. The alternative arrangements have been made in such places and 80 to 100 doctors in compulsory rural service will be appointed at such places," Dr. Sudhakar added.

From Page One

First case of Zika virus reported from Raichur

"In recent months, Zika virus has been found in Kerala, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh. We have already ordered for surveillance in the neighbouring districts of Raichur. The government is closely monitoring the situation and we will release the guidelines in this regard soon," the Minister added.

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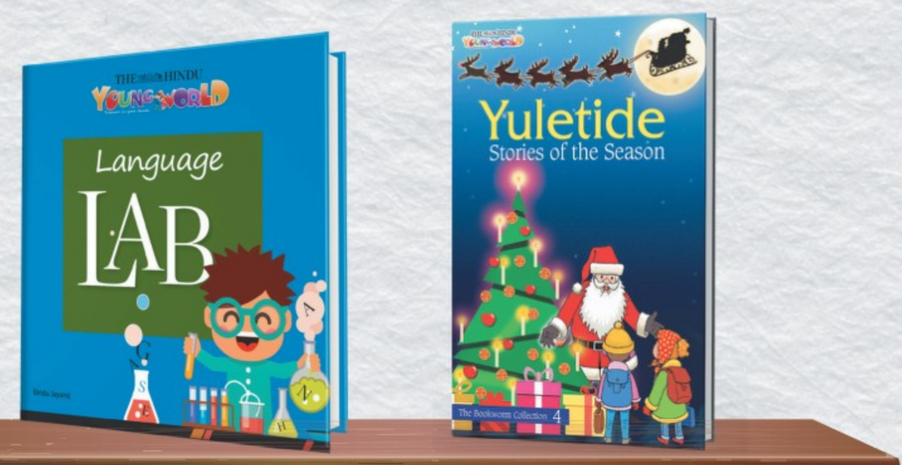

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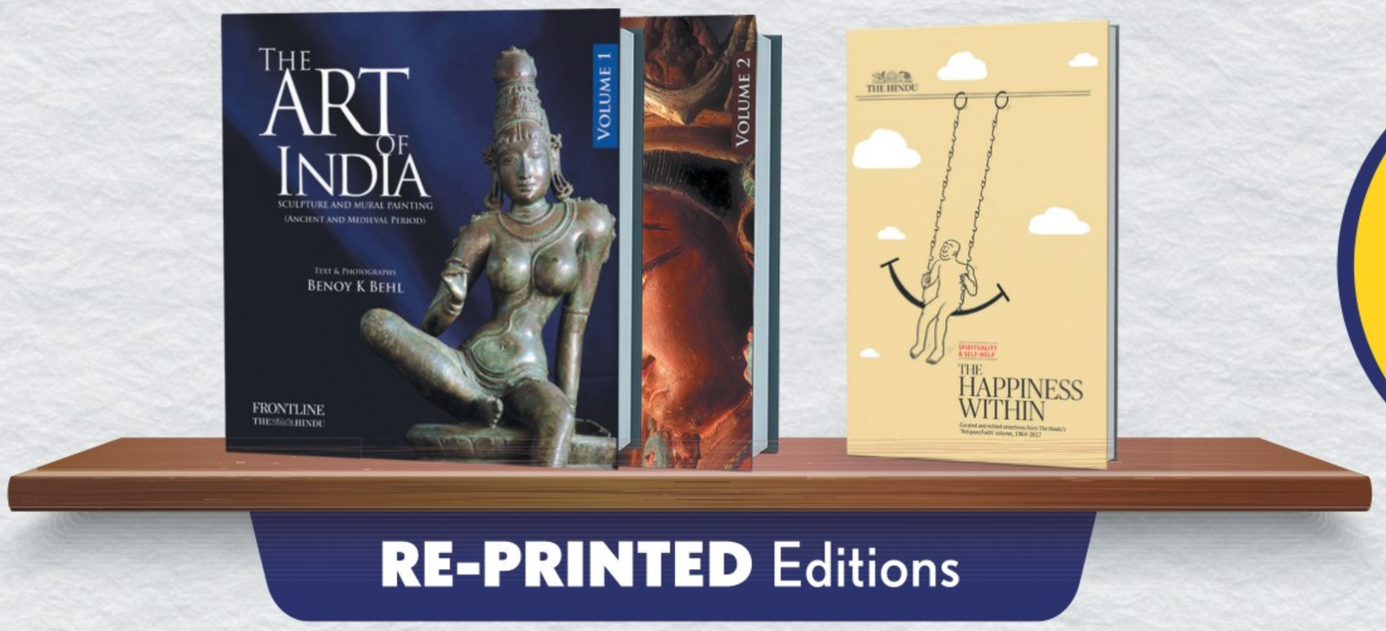

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INBRIEF

Ethanol considered for fixing sugarcane price: Minister

Sugar Minister Shankar Patil Munenakoppa on Monday said that for the first time in the sugar industry history in the State, ethanol has been considered for payment to farmers above the fair and remunerative price. As part of it, farmers will be getting ₹50 per tonne over the FRP, which would mean that the sugarcane growers will get ₹204.47 crore additional money. "In 2022-2023 crushing season, farmers in all will get ₹200 per tonne more than the previous season. This includes rise in FRP by ₹150 announced by the Centre." In all, farmers will get ₹3,100 per tonne this season.

Executives who worked alongside IAS officers feted

As many as 10 'C' Suite executives from the private sector, who worked alongside high-ranking bureaucrats through the Indian Administrative Fellowship, a first-of-its-kind programme organised by The/Nudge Institute completed their 18-month term with the government. A valedictory ceremony was organised on Monday at Raj Bhavan. According to a release, the Fellows have worked on key departmental priorities and projects infusing into their work, ideas, innovation, and technology. Their contributions have resulted in creation of technology frameworks in Women and Child Development, go-to market strategies and brand creation for FPO produce and Agritech innovations for farmer beneficiaries. They were felicitated by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma.

Cong. to take out bus yatra on the lines of 1999 Panchajanya yatra to display collective leadership

KPCC seeks release of first list of candidates before yatra; huge conventions planned to highlight BJP's alleged failures

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sending a strong message to the factions in the Karnataka Congress to face the 2023 Assembly elections under collective leadership, AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday told top Congress leaders from the State that the leadership issue would be decided only after the party gets majority in the Assembly polls.

While the leaders have been asked to put up an united face, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar have been directed to take out a joint yatra on the lines of Panchajanya yatra taken out by Congress leaders in 1999 that led to the formation of the S.M Krishna government. The message comes a couple of days after Mr. Kharge asked the State leaders to leave the selection of Chief Minister to the high command even as Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar are seen involved in jockeying for the Chief Minister's post.

"There will be no separate bus yatras as planned earlier. It was decided to take out the bus yatra jointly by Mr. Siddaramaiah and other senior leaders. The dates of the yatra would be decided in the first week of January. Leaders have been asked to remain united to propel the party to power," Working president Saleem Ahmed told *The Hindu* after over a three-hour long meeting of Karnataka leaders with Mr. Kharge at AICC headquarters in Delhi to strategize and review electoral preparedness. "The party will go to polls under collective leadership."

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge met with State Congress leaders in New Delhi on Monday. D.K. Shivakumar, Randeep Surjewala, K.C. Venugopal, and Siddaramaiah are seen. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Another senior leader pointed out that the Congress did not announce the chief ministerial face in the previous elections, and that the same tradition would continue even this time. "Leaders have been sternly told that the chief ministerial issue will be discussed only after Congress crosses 113 (simple majority) mark."

Candidates' list

The KPCC also urged the Central leaders to release the list of 150 candidates shortly so that they could prepare the ground for elections. While the scrutiny committee is yet to submit its list, a senior leader said that preparations are under way to announce the list of candidates before the party plunges into conventions and yatras. "Even if the list is not possible, the names of the candidates will be indicated at the respective constituencies," Mr. Ahmed said.

After the party leaders deliberated on poll strategies to take on the ruling BJP in 2023 elections, it has been decided to have a series of political rallies to raise important issues. Congress general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala told reporters in Delhi that a huge convention has been scheduled on December 30 in Vijayapura to raise Krishna water issue while on January 2 a rally has been scheduled in Hubballi to raise Mahadayi river issue. "We will lay down a roadmap on how the Congress will implement the project, how the water will flow, and how the BJP has faltered at both the Centre and State level will be discussed," he said.

Stating that the BJP has betrayed the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities, Mr. Surjewala said that a SC/ST convention in Chitradurga will be held on January 8. "Similarly a backward classes convention will be held and dates will be shared soon. In the first fortnight, a joint yatra will commence all the district headquarters and finally all 224 Assembly constituencies will be covered within a period of 45 days. This is an extensive plan chalked out for next 75 days," he said.

Dalit activists continue protest on internal quota issue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Activists of various Dalit organisations, who were forcibly evicted after a police action on Sunday evening, continued their protest at Freedom Park here on Monday.

While the police action, including mild caning and taking over 100 activists into custody, had come under criticism, the activists restarted their protest seeking implementation of Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission recommendation on internal reservation among various Scheduled Castes in the State.

"Though police evicted us forcefully on Sunday, we have resumed our protest. We will continue our protest till the State government makes a positive announcement on our demand," said B.R. Bhaskar Prasad, general secretary of Social Democratic Party of India.

While the Sadashiva Commission report has been submitted in 2012, successive governments have put off decision on its implementation. Condemning police action, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah had announced that the Congress if voted to power will consult all the stakeholders and recommend to the Centre over the implementation of Sadashiva Commission report.

Meanwhile, Mr. Prasad said that if the State government does not make any announcement before the Winter session in Belagavi starting from December 19, the protest site would be moved to Belagavi. "A bike rally that is going around various districts in the State will also culminate in Belagavi," he added.

Hassan MLA warns Muslims of not taking up work if they do not vote for him

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

Preetham J. Gowda, Hassan MLA, told voters in a Muslim-dominated locality in Hassan city that he will not take up any work in that area if the residents did not vote for him in the 2023 Assembly elections.

"If you come to my home, I will offer you coffee, but will not do anything that you need," the MLA said during his recent visit to Srinagar locality in Hassan.

A video clip of his speech, delivered in the evening with no lights around, has gone viral on social media platforms.

Mr. Gowda is heard telling the residents that in the last four years as MLA he had treated people of all communities as brothers. "I will continue to treat you the same way, but will not consider any of your needs. You did not vote for me in the last Assembly elections, and ignored my party during the municipal council elections, and also in the Lok Sabha elections. If you do not vote for me in the coming Assembly elections, I will not fulfil any of your needs. As an MLA, it is my duty to ensure drinking water, road and drainage. But nothing more than that," he said.

He said he is seeking votes as wages for his work. "You are all daily wage workers. You get angry if you do not get wages for the work you do. Don't you think I will also get upset if you do not vote even after (me) responding to your needs?"

Commenting on the JD (S) and Congress leaders, the MLA said he had been a legislator only for the last four years. The people who enjoyed power for decades hardly did any work for the locality.

"H.D. Deve Gowda was CM once, and his son H.D. Kumaraswamy was the CM twice. H.D. Revanna was Minister four times. Did they ever visit your locality? This time, they will come with a long list of promises. Why did not they do any work in all these four decades?"

Six Bills may be taken up for debate

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Winter session of the Legislative Assembly is likely to discuss a minimum of six Bills, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said in Belagavi on Monday. The session is scheduled from December 19 to 30. Of the six Bills, two have already been introduced and they will be opened up for discussion. The State government has indicated that it will introduce another four Bills. All these will be discussed and are likely to be put to vote if all the processes are completed, he said. He was speaking to journalists in the Suvarna Soudha.

To a query on JD(S) legislator H.D. Kumaraswamy announcing that he would skip the session due to prior commitments, the Speaker said he does not agree to such a stand by any elected representative. "Legislators should take the Winter session seriously and attend it daily," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Projects Circle, Chennai - 16.

TENDER NOTICE

Letter No. Tender Notice. 07/2022-2023/SDO/Dated. 12.12.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item Rate tender through online only** will be received **upto 24.01.2023, 15.00** hours by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai for One Road Over Bridge work** in respect of **Chengalpattu (H) Projects Division** under **Railway Works Programme 2011-12.**

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **19.12.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/5476/Tender/2022
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Government of Karnataka
Zilla Panchayath, Raichur
No:ZPR/Develop/Smart Classs/E-Tender/2022-23 Dated:07.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through E-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Deputy Secretary, ZillaPanchayath,Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka from the contractors registered in ZillaPanchayath,Raichur as per the schedule given below:

(Primary/Secondary/Higher School - Smart Class Equipments)
(23School's - Total Amount Rs.92.00 lakhs)

1) Issue of Blank Tender Documents from: 07.12.2022 2) Receipt of completed tender documents: 26.12.2022 3) Technical Bid opening on: 27.12.2022 at JalNirmal Meeting hall, Zilla Panchayath, Raichur 4) Head of Account: 2515-00-196-1-22-300 5) E-mail ID ceo_zp_rch@nic.in& zpraichurceo@gmail.com

Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Cheif Executive Officer, ZillaPanchayath, Raichur.

DIP/Raichur/465/MC&A/2022-23

(Public Works Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

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No.: 37/2022-23 Date: 07.12.2022

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On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **09.12.2022 to 07.01.2023 up to 4.00 pm.**

(1) Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **28.12.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **07.01.2023 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **10.01.2023 at 11.00 am**

(4) Date of opening Financial Bid after approval of Technical Bid: **13.01.2023at 11.00 am.** For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Chikkaballapura Division,
Chikkaballapura.

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Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
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IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. Bid value (including 18% GST)	Bid Security
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25	**Package V**	**Rs. 433.00 crore**	**Rs. 216.50 lakhs**
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

K.P.Venkateswaran (92)

Retired Accountant General
Accountant General Office, Karnataka
S/o. Late K.C. Parameshwara Iyer & Late Smt. Parvati
passed away on
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8, Opulenz, Ponneth Temple Road
Kadavanthra, Cochin-682020
In deep sorrow and grief
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Dr. Kanchana Giridhar (Daughter)
Dr. A. Giridhar (Son-in-Law)
Dr. Sneha (Grand Daughter)
Dr. Divya (Grand Daughter)

DEATH

Our Dear Mother
Chandra Vishweswaran

Passed away on 10th Dec 2022, at the age of 75. She was a wonderful mother who was always there when we needed her. She was a well-loved member of the community.

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Probe ordered into functioning of hostels run by Mutt

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU/HUBBALLI

In development related to the case of alleged sexual harassment of minor girls by the seer of Murugha Mutt in Chitradruga, the Chitradurga District Child Protection Officer has been asked to conduct a probe into the functioning of the hostels run by Murugha Mutt - Basaveshwara Destitute Children's Kuteera and Akkamahadevi hostel.

The office of the Deputy Commissioner of Chitradurga, in an order dated December 3, 2022, has asked the officer to conduct an inquiry based on a memorandum submitted by Mysuru-based Odanadi Seva Samsthe.

Order signed

The order has been signed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Chitradurga.

The officer has been asked to check if the guidelines of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, were being followed in the hostels that were providing shelter to 22 orphans. The DCPO has also been asked to take necessary action after conducting probe into the issue.

In a letter addressed to the Superintendent of Police of Chitradurga district on November 25, 2022, Odanadi Seva Samsthe's founder Parashuram M.L. had sought an inquiry into the admission, care and discharge of orphans admitted to the two hostels run by the Murugha Mutt.

Artists upset as Biennale opens without main show

Show curated by Shubigi Rao will not open until December 23; many people inconvenienced by postponement while organisers say they did not get the key venue on time to do repairs

S. Anandan
KOCHI

In limbo: Work going on at the incomplete Biennale Pavilion at Cabral Yard, adjacent to Aspinwall House, the main venue of the Kochi Muziris Biennale. THULASI KAKKAT

Scores of art enthusiasts, artists, art patrons and tourists who flew in from around the world to Fort Kochi for the Kochi Muziris Biennale (KMB), an artists-driven international festival of contemporary art, were in for a rude surprise on its opening day on Monday when they realised that the main show curated by Shubigi Rao would not open until December 23.

The four-month-long biennale was inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan late on Monday. But at Aspinwall House, the main venue that would feature about 60% of the works by 90 artists part of the main show, groups of workers were busy shovelling gravel on the soggy pathways of the colonial era warehouse.

Whitewashing of the inner walls was under way at a frenetic pace in some areas where art works covered in polythene sheets were kept ready for mounting. Unpacked cartons of audiovisual and electrical equipment were strewn along the corridors.

"If you were not opening today, you could've announced it well in advance. The last-minute change of schedule has inconvenienced many who have travelled in from other parts of India and abroad," Rita, a visitor from Stockholm, was questioning Bose Krishnamachari, the president of the Kochi Biennale Foundation (KBF). There were many like her, dismayed that they were kept in the dark about the main show not being ready on the opening day.

Students' Biennale

"The Students' Biennale and the invited exhibitions at 11 other venues would all be available for viewing as scheduled," Mr. Krishnamachari tried to pacify them.

In a conversation with *The Hindu,* he blamed the situation on the delay in making available Aspinwall House, owned by the DLF, for timely repairs and exhibition-related groundwork. Kerala Tourism Department's negotiations with DLF to acquire the property for about ₹65 to ₹80 crore ended in a deadlock following which the property and the nearby Cabral Yard, where the biennale pavilion is traditionally built, were locked up on November 20 only to be reopened on December 1. *The Hindu* has learnt that the KBF gained custody of the property by paying a lease amount of ₹21 lakh and a guarantee of another ₹10 lakh for both properties.

At the Cabral Yard, architect Samira Rathod, who is creating the biennale pavilion using recyclable material, said she faced back-to-back challenges on a daily basis. The plan was to build the pavilion in 45 days. "The venue wasn't available on time. But when we finally got it, the labour contractor pulled out. Sudden showers too created trouble," she said.

Sharan Apparao, curator, Apparao Galleries, said that KBF should have announced the postponement of the main event at least two weeks ago. "So many of us have lost money on tickets and bookings. Even if it was muddy and slushy and not fully ready, people would have still come [if it was under way]...," Ms. Apparao said.

The eleventh-hour decision has dealt a blow to tourism, too, argue some. After all, KMB has given a fillip to tourism in Kerala and played a part in the economy of the region.

"You can't decide overnight that you are going to postpone an event like this," said Michael Dominic, Director of CGH Earth. "Many international visitors fly in, and many had booked flight tickets."

(With inputs from Surya Praphulla Kumar)

Udhayanidhi Stalin to be sworn in as T.N. Minister

B. Kolappan
CHENNAI

Udhayanidhi Stalin, the DMK's youth wing leader and son of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, will be inducted into the State Cabinet tomorrow.

A reshuffle of the portfolios held by some Ministers would also be undertaken on that day.

A press release from the Raj Bhavan said Mr. Stalin had recommended that the Governor induct Mr. Udhayanidhi, who represents the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni constituency, into the Council of Ministers.

"The Governor has approved the recommendation," the release said, adding that the swearing-in ceremony would be held at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Durbar Hall in the Raj Bhavan.

"He will be allotted the portfolios of Youth Welfare and Sports Development and Special Programme Implementation," a highly-placed source in the DMK told *The Hindu*. The portfolios of Youth Welfare and Sports Development are held by Siva V. Meyyanathan, who is also the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. The Department of Special Programme Implementation is directly handled by Mr. Stalin.

Mr. Udhayanidhi, who started off as a film producer and distributor, took to acting over 10 years ago and became a familiar face.

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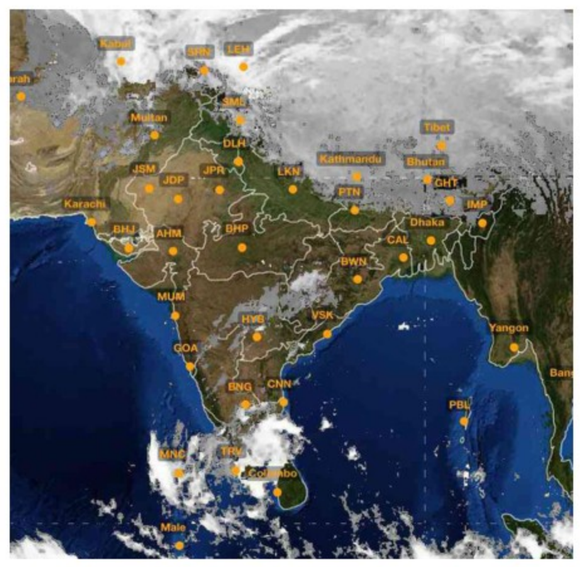
Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over central Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh. Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Uttarakhand

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.1	13.8	Kozhikode	74	27.0	23.2
Ahmedabad	—	32.4	19.4	Kurnool	3	26.0	21.5
Aizawl	—	—	9.1	Lucknow	—	28.1	12.6
Allahabad	—	30.2	11.8	Madurai	—	33.0	23.4
Bengaluru	20.7	24.0	19.0	Mangaluru	0.8	27.6	22.6
Bhopal	—	25.0	17.2	Mumbai	—	34.2	22.4
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	17.7	Mysuru	11	27.0	17.4
Chandigarh	—	28.0	9.5	New Delhi	—	27.1	8.4
Chennai	13	26.5	24.6	Patna	—	26.9	12.9
Coimbatore	0.3	28.2	21.6	Port Blair	—	30.9	24.4
Dehradun	—	28.4	7.0	Puducherry	0.5	—	22.8
Gangtok	—	15.6	9.6	Pune	—	28.7	21.4
Goa	7	31.9	23.5	Raipur	—	29.0	19.2
Guwahati	—	27.8	14.1	Ranchi	—	29.8	12.9
Hubballi	—	25.0	20.0	Shillong	—	17.1	7.5
Hyderabad	5	25.7	19.6	Shimla	—	20.0	7.8
Imphal	—	24.5	9.3	Srinagar	—	10.1	1.6
Jaipur	—	27.8	13.2	Thiruvananthapuram	12	31.3	23.0
Kochi	26	29.2	23.6	Tiruchi	—	30.7	24.0
Kohima	—	21.6	7.2	Vijayawada	—	30.4	22.8
Kolkata	—	28.2	15.2	Visakhapatnam	24	29.0	23.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.21	129	.21	115	96	
Bengaluru	.12	18	.36	33	45	
Chennai	.21	36	.42	59	54	
Delhi	.19	125	125	264	210	
Hyderabad	9	10	.98	48	52	
Kolkata	.12	37	.75	334	224	
Lucknow	.14	64	.79	256	189	
Mumbai	.18	17	103	263	161	
Pune	—	—	—	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	—	—	.75	—	—	—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 446 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Hassan, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Standard Bidding Document KW-2)

Tender Notification No.: BTMC/T.S./CR/22/2019-20 Dt: 02.12.2022

Re-Tender Notice

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura District, Chikkaballapura invites tenders as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 in KW-2 forms from contractors of eligible class registered in PWD for undertaking development works at 2 places in front of Chitravathi River and Greenery works in the City under S.F.C. Special Grant Scheme for the year 2018-19.

Name of Work: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDEN131850/call-2. Approx. Amount: **Rs.50.00 Lakhs.** E.M.D. Amount: **Rs. 75000.00.** Time Period of tender: **6 Months.** Class of Contractor: **Eligible PWD Contractor of Class 1 and above.**

Note: Tender Form Fee: As per e-procurement. (1) Last date for submission of tender in e-procurement portal: **17.12.2022 up to 5.00 PM. (2)** Date of opening the Bid: **18.12.2022 after 5.00 PM. Conditions: (1)** Further information and details can be obtained in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
President	Vice President	Chairman, Standing Committee,	Chief Officer
Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli	Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli	Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli	Town Municipal Council, Bagepalli

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COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Lenin Centre, Governerpet, Vijayawada-520002 (A.P.)

E PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE (THIRD CALL)
Tender cum Reverse Auctioning or Reverse Tendering

NIT No. 01/MAU61-USIOHB(BG)/11/2022-HB/3rd call Dt. 12.12.2022

Name of Work: "Construction of Six Temporary Court Halls (PEB structure) along with chambers outside existing building boundary on west side of Advocates' canteen and north side of water treatment plant at AP High Court Premises, Nelapadu" - Tender cum reverse Auction/Reverse Tendering - **ECV of Rs.2,95,67,230/-.**

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **13.12.2022 to 28.12.2022 up to 14.00 Hrs. Due date for submission of Bid 28.12.2022 up to 15.00 Hrs, Technical bid opening 28.12.2022 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in**

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client intend to purchase the property more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **PRASHANTH.G** S/o Gajraj.G Aged about 30 years Residing at No.45/1, 10th Cross, 1st Main, BHEL Layout, Chikkabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, **BENGALURU 560097, Aadhar : 5107 4006 9618** and if any person(s) having any objections or claims, may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this publication failing which my clients would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there is no claim or objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential site No.6, assessment No.12/3, old Khatha No.76,new BBMP No.1851/12/3/76/06, situated at Doddabettahalli Village, Yalahanka Hobali Yelahanka Taluk, (Bengaluru North Taluk), within the limits of BBMP ward No.3, measuring East to West; 30 feet and North to South;46 feet totally measuring 1380 sq.ft .and bounded by: **EAST** : Site No.5, **WEST** : Site No.7, **NORTH** : 30 ft Road, **SOUTH** : Private Property.

Place: Bengaluru, **Date: 12-12-2022**

N. Adinarayana Reddy ,
Ravichandra Reddy N A , Advocates ,
No.403-10-2, 13th Main, Gokula 1st stage 1st Phase, HMT Layout, Mathikere, Bengaluru - 560054. Cell:9845706889

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, KOPPAL TEL.NO: 08539 -231054
FAX.NO: 08539-231054 E-Mail: kn-kop @ pmgsy.nic.in

No. PD/KPL/ SDP /Micro/2022-23/757 Dtd:08.12.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency, Project Division Koppal invites Item Rate Tenders for the SDP 2019-20 work shown in the below table as per Standard Bid Document KW-4 through e-procurement portal in two cover system.

Name of Work: Improvements to road From Mangalore to Kudrimoti-Kinnal MDR Road in Kuknoor Taluka Koppal District. (Indent No:KRRDA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT5553) **Estimated Contract Value (Rs Lakhs):** 121.98 **Stipulated Period of completion:** 9 months (including monsoon period) **EMD amount in Lakhs:** 1.830 Lakhs

Calendar of events of tendering is as follows:

1.Pre-Bid Meeting for KW-4: **16.12.2022, 11.30 hrs.** 2.Last date for receipt of objections & queries: **17.12.2022, 16.00 hrs.** 3.Last date for online submission of Technical and Financial bid: **19.12.2022, 16.30 hrs.** 4.Opening of Technical bid: **20.12.2022, after 16.30 hrs.** 5.Opening of Financial bid: **After technical bid approval**.

For any further information, contact Executive Engineer, Project Division Koppal during office hours (Ph. 08539 – 231054). Details can be had from the **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/495/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr.(M)/BMAZ(S)/AEE(C)/2022-23/8839-40 Date: 09.12.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the various Civil works in Hoody division, through e-procurement mode only.

The details regarding participating in the tender can be obtained by logging on to website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.12.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (M), BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL,
Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.

Govt of Karnataka
Women and Child Development Department
Child Development Project officer Bailhongal
Tel Phone : 08288-236119 Email ID : cdpoblh2022@gmail.com

No : CDPO:BHL:WCD:ICDS/Egg Tender/2022-23/570 Date : 07/12/2022

Re E-Tender Notification for Supply of Egg to Anganwadi Centres

As on 07/12/2022 from the eligible tenderer to Supply Chicken Eggs for the use of 435 Anganwadi Centres under Child Development plan of Bailhongal Taluk for the Period 2022-23 invited through e-Tender : WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in under the KTTP Act. Tender No : DWCD/2022-23/IND1835/Call-2, Last Date for submission of Tender 06/01/2023 Evening 5:30 PM. For more information please contact the office of the Child Development Project Officer Bailhongal during office hours.
Office Telephone No : 08288-236119

SD/-Child Development Project officers,
Bailhongal

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1362/MCA/2022-23

Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Sandal City, P.B. No. 5531, No.27, Industrial Suburb, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Bengaluru-560 055. Ph: 080-22164886, 22164879, 22164880
E-mail **ksdl.dgmmtls@gmail.com** Website: **www.mysoresandal.org**

An ISO9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Company

Date: 12.12.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender Notification for Registration of Suppliers/ Contractors. (2023-2024)

KARNATAKA SOAPS & DETERGENTS LTD. (KS& DL), is engaged in manufacture of Soaps, Detergents, Cosmetics & Agarbathies and needs Raw Materials, Chemicals, Packing Materials, Engineering Spares, Stationery items etc., for production, maintenance and servicing such as:

(1) DFA Soap Noodles, Coconut Oil (2) Aromatic Chemicals, Essential Oils & other perfumery items (3) Detergents, Cosmetic Raw Materials (4) Packing Materials like paper & Paper Board products, Printed Cartons, Wrappers, Poly Bags, Corrugated Boxes and PET/HDPE Bottles etc, (5) Chemicals like LABSA, Soda Ash, Caustic Soda Lye, etc. (6) Raw Agarbathi of 8" & 9" and Agarbathi Packing Materials (7) Outsourcing of Toothpaste & Sanitary Napkins (8) Manpower on contract basis & Outsourcing basis (9) Stores Items, Spares, Engineering Items, Machineries & Consumables stationery items (10) Transportation of finished products to our various Branches across India. (11) Outsourcing of Soaps (12) Civil Works (13) Clearing & Forwarding Agent in respect of imports & Exports product to various countries (14) Advertisements (15) Export of Soaps (Premium, popular), Detergents, Cosmetics, Agarbathies (16) Sandalwood Oil & other materials and services etc.

We are releasing tender enquiry through e-procurement wherever material cost exceeds Rs.1.00 lakhs & above per purchase. In this connection, we request you to register your company with Karnataka Govt. e-governance Dept. For more details you may visit Karnataka government E-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Prospective suppliers of these materials / contractors who are not so far registered with KS&DL are required to get themselves registered by obtaining prescribed form from the Materials Department of KS&DL, P.B No.5531, Sandal City, # 27, Industrial Suburb, Bengaluru-Pune Highway, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 055 on payment of prescribed fee of Rs.615/- by way of Cash or DD in favor of Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Ltd, Bengaluru. The filled registration form with all supporting documents thereof should be submitted to the Company immediately from the date obtaining the application form which would be registered as per the provisions of e-proc / purchase manual of the company. Interested parties may contact Assistant General Manager (Materials), KS&DL for any clarification in this regard.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO DIRECT MANUFACTURERS, SO PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

Sd/- Asst. Gen. Manager (Materials)

North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Hubballi

No/NWKT/EE/HBL/DB(T)/1158 to 1160/2022-23 Date : 12/12/2022

Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) No- 21, 22, 23 / 2022-23
(Through GOK e-procurement platform https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Lumsum rate tender in single cover system through GOK e procurement for the following works as per Karnataka Transparency act in Public Procurement ordinance of 2000 is invited from the reputed project management Consultancy firms / Project management services agencies,/ Practicing Civil Engineers, registered in Government Registering Authorities for carrying out Third Party inspection. Intending consultants/firms can obtain the tender details through web site (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) & up load the duly completed tenders/relevant documents as prescribed in NIT, with in the stipulated date and time & tender shall be submitted through e-procurement portal (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) only.

S.L No.	Name of work	EMD (in Rupees)	Stipulated Time
1.	Third Party Inspection Services for the Work of **"Construction of Automated Driving Test track for RTO Gadag".**	**35,213.00**	12 Months or till the completion of project.
2.	Third Party Inspection Services for the Work of **"Construction of Bus Depot with its sub works at Mundgod".** (2nd Call)	**20,000.00**	12 Months or till the completion of project.
3.	Third Party Inspection Services for the Work of **"Construction of Bus Depot with sub works at Kumta".** (2nd Call)	**22,050.00**	12 Months or till the completion of project.

TIME SCHEDULE (1) Prebid meeting **19/12/2022** at 12:00 Hrs, (2) Last date & time for quiries /clarification **19/12/2022** at 17:00 Hrs (3) Last date & time for submission of tender **30/12/2022** at 16:00 Hrs, (4) Date & time for opening tender : **02/01/2023** at 11:00 Hrs For further details visit https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for any "HELP" regarding uploading of Tender Documents, please call on help desk **-+91-8046010000, +91-8022631200, +91-8068948777** or Call **0836-2332383**. Any changes in NIT, Corrigendum/Addendum will be published in e-Procurement portal only, separate paper notification will not be issued.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
NWKRTC C.E. Department, Central Office, Hubballi

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
K.N.N.L Ltd,. SLIS, Divn. No. 1, Mundargi, Gadag Dist. Ph No. 08371-262174,
Ref No. KNNL/EE/SLIS/MDG/2022-23/1226 Date: 28.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (ONLY THROUGH "*e-Procurement*" SYSTEM)

Tenders have been invited for work of Shirahatti Contituency coming under jurisdiction of Singatalur Lift Irrigation Project Division No 1., Mundaragi vide ref (1) (Indent **No 34673)**. Bids have to be submitted through "e-Procurement" Portal only . Details like name of work, Amount put to tender, EMD and other terms and conditions etc., can be had from the office of Executive Engineer, KNNL, Singatalur Lift Irrigation Scheme Division No.,1 Mundaragi during office hours. Tender documents can be downloaded from "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" website from **05.12.2022** onwards and last date of submisison of bids is **17.12.2022.** Incomplete tender documents and conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, SLIS, Division No-1, Mundaragi
DIPR/Gadag/MCA/495/2022-22

Change in the hills

Congress's governance in H.P. will be aimed at winning votes elsewhere

The Congress has turned a new leaf in Himachal Pradesh by electing Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu as the Chief Minister, and the State's 15th, on Sunday. The victory in Himachal Pradesh has come as a silver lining for the Congress amid dark clouds over the party. The victory is narrow – the Congress led the rival Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) by one percentage point in terms of vote share – and the State is tiny, with four Lok Sabha seats. Still, the party's return to power after a hiatus of five years gives it hope that it can be the refuge for people who may be looking for an alternative to the BJP. The party quickly resolved the tussle for the top post. In choosing Mr. Sukhu, it has effected a shift that has the potential to inspire workers and blunt the BJP's charge of dynastic politics levelled against it. The son of a bus driver and a four-time MLA who sold milk for a living in his early years, Mr. Sukhu is as modest and grounded as a politician could get. The soft spoken leader has never shied away from taking a position and stood up to the late Virbhadra Singh who had the Congress under his thumb for decades. Mr. Sukhu is uniquely qualified for the job, and his elevation signals much needed but often missing dynamism in the Congress.

The new leader will have an uphill task in managing party dynamics and governance. The Congress has made a slew of promises, not entirely thought through. Topping the list is the promise of restoration of the old pension scheme in place of the market-linked New Pension System/ Scheme (NPS). A return to OPS would see the introduction of new welfare schemes that will burden the exchequer. The State has 1.5 lakh employees under the NPS, and a majority of them who are opposed to it are likely to have favoured the Congress in these elections. Mr. Sukhu's elevation also unsettles the entrenched power structure in the Congress and he will have to ensure the support of the family and loyalists of Virbhadra Singh. He will also have to bear the weight of expectations arising out of the Congress's national plans. The party wants to showcase governance in the three States under its rule to win votes elsewhere. Himachal Pradesh may be a small State but it has acquired a status that is disproportionate to its size with the change of government. What works in Mr. Sukhu's favour is the goodwill that he has gained over 40 years in politics.

Ready for the worst

Governments and agencies have shown better preparedness for cyclones

That Cyclone Mandous, which had its landfall near Mamallapuram, near Chennai, in the early hours of Saturday, did not cause much damage has come as a huge relief to the people of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. At one stage, it was expected to develop into a "severe cyclonic storm", but did not gain much strength. Called a "textbook cyclone", the storm, as predicted by the India Meteorological Department, crossed the coast with all the attendant features, to the satisfaction of professional meteorologists. Though Cyclone Mandous was similar to Cyclone Vardah which made landfall in Chennai in mid-December 2016, this event dumped heavy rainfall that was far more than what occurred under Vardah. This time, not only parts of north Tamil Nadu but also areas in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh experienced heavy rainfall. For instance, Vembakkam in Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu and Srikalahasti in Tirupati district of Andhra Pradesh bore the brunt, recording rainfall of 25 cm and 23 cm, respectively, during the 24-hour-period that ended at 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. But more noteworthy was the way the official machinery in Tamil Nadu steered the disaster management system. Despite the cyclone crossing the coast at almost midnight and causing a number of trees and structures to fall, the response of the administration was swift and the common man's life hardly disrupted. Five lives were lost, a count much lower than during disasters of a similar magnitude.

After drawing flak in November 2021, and, subsequently, when Chennai and its vicinity experienced inundation following spells of heavy rain, the Tamil Nadu government has been paying greater attention this time to improving the storm-water drain network and such other works. Though one of the reasons cited for many areas being spared of flooding was that the core parts of the city did not receive as much rain as the interior parts of north Tamil Nadu, the State government's coordination with the Meteorological Department and its preparedness in tackling the post-landfall situation made a difference to the situation this time. Otherwise, as in the past, citizens would have suffered even in light rain. Technology too, both in terms of forecast and information dissemination, has been playing a key role. The authorities, i.e., the State government and the Meteorological department, should continuously work to improve their ways of functioning, making use of technology, and helping people to be ready to face a natural disaster of this nature or even of greater strength. Ideally, the official machinery should set a goal of ensuring no loss to life. Such a task would not be impossible, given the availability of resources, both hardware and software, and empirical data on cyclones and severe cyclones crossing the coast of Tamil Nadu.

Curbing individualism in public health

A failure to examine and interpret public health problems from a population perspective is leading to ineffective and unsustainable solutions as far as complex public health problems are concerned. This is obvious for problems such as undernutrition, for which individualist solutions such as micronutrient supplementation and food fortification have been proposed as solutions in lieu of sustainable approaches such as a strengthening of the Public Distribution System, supplementary nutrition programmes, and the health services. Similar is the case with chronic disease control, wherein early diagnosis and treatment is the most popular solution, with little scope for solutions that can modify health behaviours (through organised community action). There is a strong tendency in public health to prioritise individual-oriented interventions over societal oriented population-based approaches, also known as individualism in public health.

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Recent evidence

Two of the most recent public health programmes of the Government bear testimony to this: as a nationwide publicly-funded insurance scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) falls under Ayushman Bharat. It is the largest health insurance scheme in the country covering hospitalisation expenses for a family for ₹5 lakh a year. The goal is to ensure 'free' curative care services for all kinds of hospitalisation services so that there is no financial burden to the beneficiary. What is not talked about in the entire scheme is the need for hospitalisation services per year for any population.

Instead, every individual is given an assurance that if there is a need for hospitalisation expenses, the scheme will cover the expenses, highlighting the risk/probability of every individual facing hospitalisation in a year. This is an individualistic response to the problem of hospitalisation expenditure faced by populations. This becomes obvious when one examines the data on annual hospitalisation across populations.

Data from the National Sample Survey Organisation (75th round) show that on an average, only 3% of the total population in India had an episode of hospitalisation in a year (from 1% for Assam to 4% for Goa and 10% for Kerala – the need also a function of availability).

The proportion hovers around 3%-5% across most Indian States. Ideally, the Government needs to ensure health-care facilities to only 3%-5% of the population to cover all the hospitalisation needs of a population. This is population-based health-care planning. Instead, giving an assurance to every individual without ensuring the necessary health-care services to the population is not really helping in a crisis. This was evident in an evaluation of publicly-funded insurance schemes, which points to the low proportion of population that benefited from the scheme annually. The assurance of a service remains an unfulfilled promise when more than 90% of those who were given the promise do not need hospitalisation in the near future. From an individualist perspective, any individual can be at risk for hospitalisation anytime but from a population perspective, one can confidently argue that each year, the maximum proportion of population in need of hospitalisation will be in the range of 5% of the total population.

> All forms of individualistic approaches in public health need to be resisted to safeguard its original principles of practice, *viz.*, population, prevention and social justice

The approach to vaccination for COVID-19 has been similar, wherein, unlike other vaccinations, it was evident that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot prevent people from getting the disease but only reduce hospitalisation and deaths in the event of contracting COVID-19. It was also evident that around 20% of the total COVID-19 positive cases needed medical attention, with around 5% needing hospitalisation and around 1%-2% needing intensive care (ICU) or ventilator support. To effectively manage COVID-19, what was needed was to have primary, secondary, and tertiary health-care facilities to manage the above proportion of cases.

This is what a population-based approach to epidemic would be focusing on. Instead, by focusing on a vaccination programme for the entire population, it is again an assurance and a promise to every individual that even if you get COVID-19, you will not need hospitalisation and not die. Even after the entire crisis, not much is talked about in terms of the grossly inadequate health-care infrastructure to ensure the necessary primary, secondary and tertiary care services for COVID-19 patients, in turn leading to many casualties.

Instead, the entire focus has been on the success story – that every individual is protected from hospitalisation and death achieved through vaccine coverage. Most of the deaths due to COVID-19 are a reflection of the failure to offer ventilator and ICU support services to the 1%-2% in desperate need of it. Curative care provisioning is never planned at an individual level as epidemiologically, every individual will not necessarily need curative care every time. The morbidity profile of a population across age groups is an important criterion used to plan the curative care needs of a population. There are large-scale data that points to this need and can be estimated across populations. What it means is that for population-level planning, the need of the population as a single unit needs to be considered.

Determinants of individualism

There are at least three reasons for the dominance of individualism in public health. All these operate in combination and, hence, can be detrimental to public health practice. The first is the dominance of biomedical knowledge and philosophy in the field of public health with a misconception that what is done at an individual level, when done at a population level, becomes public health. This is despite the contrasting philosophy and approaches of clinical medicine and public health and the evidence that support the latter and must be based on population characteristics and economic resources. Related to this is the second aspect of 'visibility' of health impacts among the general public. Health effects are more visible and appear convincing at the individual level, wherein improvements at the population level will be clear only after population-level analysis; this needs a certain level of expertise and orientation about society – an important skill required for public health practitioners.

The public, and to a large extent, those public health experts who take individual experiences at face value, will make the same mistake of judging a population's characteristics based on individual experiences; popularly known as atomistic fallacy in public health. Third, and the most important influence of all, is the market's role and the effect of consumerism in public health practice. The beneficiaries for a programme become the maximum when 100% of the population is targeted. On the contrary, from a population perspective, the actual beneficiary will reduce to only 5%-10% in case of hospitalisation services and 20% of those affected with COVID-19 for treatment needs. Instead of making efforts to supply evidence of the actual prevalence of public health problems, market forces would prefer to cast a wide net and cover 100% of beneficiaries. Propagating individualism has always been a characteristic feature of a consumerist society as every individual can then be a potential 'customer' in the face of risk and susceptibility. All forms of individualistic approaches in public health need to be resisted to safeguard its original principles of practice, *viz.* population, prevention, and social justice.

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Big Tech and the need in India for ex-ante regulation

The Indian anti-trust body, the Competition Commission of India (CCI)'s move, in October, to impose a penalty of ₹1,337.76 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position in the android mobile device ecosystem, has forced us, once again, to rethink the market power of Big Tech companies. When India established the CCI under the Indian Competition Act 2002, it was to protect and promote competition in markets, and prevent practices that hinder competition. However, it did not account for the network effect of Big Tech companies as a force to reckon with. As their market dominance increased rather exponentially, the European Union, the United States, and even Australia realised their market-distorting abilities and moved to transform their competition law. The EU's Digital Market Act and "gatekeepers" who will enforce rules and regulations ex-ante to foresee anti-competitive practices is an example. As for India, the Competition (Amendment) Bill, and its proposed amendments, partially address these issues. India should have used this as a chance to overhaul its competition law, especially when the Bill is due to be passed in Parliament's winter session.

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Market dominance issue

In any free economy, market dominance is natural. But things get hazy when it is abused to prevent competition. As the CCI says, the intent of Google's business was to make users on its platforms abide by its revenue-earning service, i.e., an online search to directly affect the sale of their online advertising services. Thus, network effects, along with a status quo bias, created significant entry barriers for competitors to enter or operate in the markets concerned. While the competition laws address that anomaly, they are too slow to respond in complex technical sectors. By the time an order is passed, the dominant player has gained an edge – as in the case of Google. Thus, in this context, there is an urgent need for ex-ante legislation to prevent market failures and mitigate possible anti-competitive conduct.

> Competition is welcome, but only under a new ex-ante-based framework that ensures a level-playing field for the big, the small, the old and the new

Predatory pricing entails the lowering of prices that forces other firms to be out competed. Amazon and Flipkart were accused of deep discounting and creating in-house brands to compete with local sellers. Only recently, the CCI raided their offices in an anti-competition probe, leading to Amazon being forced to cut its ties with Cloudtail. Thus pricing plays a fundamental role in defining the position of any digital platform in the marketplace. It is essential to establish an ex-ante framework to ensure a level playing field for local sellers. The Government's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform is a reliable option for these small players.

A crucial aspect of self-preferencing beyond the search algorithms is the bundling of services, especially with pre-installed apps, where the manufacturers eliminate competition without the consumer's consent. Apple is facing heat in the U.S. and Europe over pre-installed apps after Russia forced Apple to provide third-party apps at the time of installation. So, Indian competition laws need to be vigilant through an ex-ante framework.

Use of data, issue of consumer protection

While the data economy has evolved, we have not dealt with its regulation as effectively. There is sensitive data stored on these platforms (financial records, phone location, and medical history). Big corporations have asserted ownership of the right to use or transfer this data without restriction.

While one might attribute it to efficiency barriers, the greed for data is a motivation. Further, the storage and collection of women's and children's data need to be dealt with more cautiously to build a safe digital place.

Finally, market distortion can also lead to poorer quality of services, data monopoly, and stifle innovation. For a consumer, there is a need to establish harmony of the Competition law with the new Consumer Protection Act 2020 and e-commerce rules. The new law should include a mechanism to ensure fair compensation for consumers who face the brunt of the anti-competitive practices of the Big Techs. This should ensure that the penalties and restrictions being imposed on companies also ensure proportionate compensation for consumer losses.

In the digital age

With India now on the cusp of a digital transformation, it is essential that the country has a level-playing field to ensure a fair opportunity for new-age start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The Competition Act of 2000, was largely constituted to deal with the physical marketplace. There is an urgent need to contextualise the law to the digital marketplace and devise new provisions with adequate ex-ante legislation. The EU has already noted this need through the Digital Markets Act. It is time that similar legislation is adopted in India.

It is equally important to contextualise India's reality. *Kirana* stores competing with e-retailers such as Big Basket is an example of unfair competition between legacy businesses and their digital counterparts. In such a setting, bulldozing through an EU-based approach to competition might not be the best way for Indian marketplace interests in protecting the local digital economy. Thus, India needs a new ex-ante-based framework that promotes competition by ensuring a level-playing field for the big, the small, the old and the new.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terror is terror

As terrorism is one of the greatest threats to global peace, it is only appropriate that India, the current president of the UNSC, has taken up the issue in all its seriousness (Page 1, "Stop grading terrorists as good and bad: India in UN", December 12).

The issue of state support to terrorism by certain countries needs to be exposed and their machinations should not be allowed to disturb the security of nations. India has been at the receiving end of cross-border terrorism for several decades, but unless all the nations collectively denounce this and act in unison, ending such terrorists acts is well nigh impossible. Further, the trend of blocking moves to designate some principal terrorists as "global terrorists" at the UN by making use of a "technical hold" has been weakening the global fight against terrorism. This kind of shielding terrorists based on geopolitical considerations needs to be strongly opposed.

Kosaraju Chandramouli,
Hyderabad

Cyber security policy

With cyberattacks on India's premier health-care institute, AIIMS Delhi, one thing becomes clear. A lot more needs to be done in order to ensure cybersecurity. With massive digitisation, the threat of a massive cyber attack that could disrupt the functioning of government as well as the private sector increases many times more than before. An effective cybersecurity policy is essential. But at the same time, important data of citizens should not be misused.

Krishnansh Somani,
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

New track

P.T. Usha is literally "Back on track" (Editorial, December 12). But the lady has a tough task ahead of her putting the stables in order, in a state of disarray, and haunted by corruption. Her qualities of mind, mettle and medals are an open book and will stand her in good stead in running the show with gumption and grit.

K. Nehru Patnaik,
Visakhapatnam

Corrections & Clarifications

In the FIFA World Cup report (Sport, December 12, 2022), the semifinal line-up erroneously said Argentina would be playing Netherlands. Actually, the line-up is Argentina vs Croatia. The error was corrected in a few late city/suburban editions.

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Politics of national renewal

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The peaceful conduct of the recent elections reinforces Churchill's idea of democracy as "the little man walking into the little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper..." to elect a person of one's choice. But the lesson of our evolving democracy is that a ballot by itself is not enough to yield a truly democratic state. A report by the Pew Research Center on social hostilities distressingly ranks India first. On several indices, our democratic deficit impels an urgent introspection, even as we celebrate the resilience of our elective processes.

A thoughtful reflection on the quality of our democracy must contend with many troubling questions. Has our democratic engagement expanded the reach of fundamental freedoms and enlarged the circle of human dignity? Can we reasonably claim that our democratic processes have facilitated self-determination, moral autonomy, and free choice? Has our democracy yielded politics that answers to the "injunctions of conscience"? Whether our democracy has served as a bulwark against authoritarian inclinations generated by majoratarian triumphalism remains a chastening interrogatory. Honest answers to these will attest our record as a faltering democracy.

A flailing democracy

A polity captive to the pull of sectarian mass mobilisation and an economy in which the top 10% hold 77% of the nation's wealth do not sit well with the foundational principles of an egalitarian democracy. That ours is a flailing democracy is evident in an abandonment of civil conversation on the core challenges that beset us as a nation. A political discourse laced with vicious calumnies against political rivals is a grim reminder that language and thought in a dialectical relationship corrupt each other.

Clearly, a political culture which sees "villainy as virtue" and "elevates unfettered abuse, imperious ignorance, untamed egotism and reflexive bigotry" across parties as political conversation has disabled the nation from reaping the full dividends of a constitutional state. Politics that thrives on persecution of adversaries in an abuse of the state's coercive processes negates the essence of justice, just as the Opposition's compulsive disdain for every action of the government regardless of its intrinsic merit has weakened its credibility as a countervailing democratic force. Anchored solely in expediency and unmindful of the moral imperatives, our politics stands condemned in its failure to deliver the constitutional promise of a liberal state committed to a just exercise of accountable power. It instead mirrors a society riven by cleavages and debilitating social discord amplified by sophistry and absolutism.

Failure of justice

Despite a proclaimed commitment to the rule of law, the country's legal processes have failed justice in several ways, prompting the highest court to lament the "mortality of justice at the hands of law" (Rani Kusum, 2005). President Droupadi Murmu's significant observation questioning the need for more jails and the apex court's caution against routine custodial interrogation confirm a painful disregard for the dignitarian promise of democracy.

The uninterrupted ramping up of executive power has unsettled institutional power equations designed to ensure a dispersal of power as the first principle of constitutional democracy. This has rendered the Indian state dysfunctional in its wider promise of freedom and justice under law. The decline of our democracy coinciding with the largest-ever expansion of the national economy and reduction in the levels of abject poverty question the absoluteness of the co-relation between economic growth and a robust democracy. Experience dictates a review of such assumptions and an examination of the extent to which our occupation with material pursuits has diminished our capacity to resist the state's encroachment of fundamental rights.

> We can rescue our democracy as long as the flame of freedom is alive in our hearts and is nurtured by the valour of free people willing to walk the path of justice

Notwithstanding its backsliding, we can rescue our democracy as long as the flame of freedom is alive in our hearts and is nurtured by the valour of free people willing to walk the path of justice. Critical to the project of democratic renewal is a search for leadership whose quest to remain on the opening pages of history is driven by a cause larger than the self. Indeed, a true democracy cannot allow the flourishing of boastful individuals dwarfed by the narrowness of their politics. We must restore humility as a desideratum of democratic politics. It is time that we reinvested ourselves in the Gandhian tradition of politics that emphasises the importance of means in furtherance of political goals. Our pursuit of democracy must address a flawed system that enables "manufactured consent", manipulated majorities and perversion of the ends of democratic politics.

The decline of democratic institutions can be arrested through a politics of national renewal based on reasoned conversations and a collective political assertion in favour of freedom over fear, inclusion over exclusion and justice over injustice. Democratic institutions are, after all, only enforcers of national conscience, not its progenitors. The efflorescence of "millions of free voices into one harmonious melody" as the basis of national consensus suggested by the Prime Minister, as against one by diktat, offers hope for bridging the deepened social and political divides. But this is possible only through a politics of accommodation and conciliation inspired by political magnanimity and honesty of purpose.

The Shivshakti-Bhimshakti possibility

The potential alliance could pose a formidable challenge to the ruling coalition

STATE OF PLAY

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In the last few weeks, a proposed alliance between the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) and the Vanchit Bahujan Aaghadi (VBA) of Prakash Ambedkar has been creating a buzz in Maharashtra. If formalised, this 'Shivshakti-Bhimshakti' union could see another dramatic alteration of political equations ahead of the civic polls. It is believed that the coming together of the two illustrious families (Thackerays and Ambedkars) with their diverse constituencies (Marathas and Dalits) could pose a formidable challenge to the ruling coalition of the BJP and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's rival Sena faction.

In October, Mr. Ambedkar had publicly expressed his willingness to contest the local bodies elections in alliance with the Thackeray camp and the Congress. Speculation of a potential Sena (UBT)-VBA alliance intensified after Mr. Thackeray thanked Mr. Ambedkar for helping his faction's candidate, Rutuja Latke, win the Andheri East bypoll in November despite the VBA not officially supporting her.

Last month, the two leaders shared the dais during the inauguration of a website dedicated to the life and work of Mr. Uddhav Thackeray's grandfather. The two leaders spoke of the strong ties that had existed between their respective grandfathers – Babasaheb Ambedkar and Keshav Sitaram 'Prabhodankar' Thackeray – and their shared belief in rooting out the evils of the caste system. Mr. Uddhav Thackeray impressed the need to "uphold Indian democracy and the Constitution", while making an earnest plea to Mr. Ambedkar to join forces and recall the great work done by their grandfathers. The two leaders had a round of talks after this event.

While there is bonhomie now, the Shiv Sena founded by Bal Thackeray had, until 2019, been the BJP's natural and long-standing ally and a fierce custodian of Hindutva. Bal Thackeray had strongly opposed Mr. Ambedkar on practically every major issue of concern to the Dalits – from protesting the name change of Marathwada University to B.R. Ambedkar Marathwada University to taking a contrary stance against the 1990 Mandal Commission report. It was the Shiv Sena-BJP government that was in power during the infamous Ramabai incident in Mumbai in 1997 when 10 Dalit protesters were killed in a police firing. But in 2019, Mr. Uddhav Thackeray severed the 25-year-old alliance with the BJP to form the 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' (MVA) government with the NCP and the Congress – his father's most bitter political adversaries.

Given that Maharashtra has witnessed vertiginous ideological pirouetting in the last three years, another ideologically opposed alliance of Mr. Thackeray and Mr. Ambedkar should not come as a surprise. After Mr. Shinde's coup toppled his MVA government, an embattled Mr. Thackeray is eagerly seeking new allies. His faction is fighting for political survival as 40 of its 55 MLAs and 13 of its 19 MPs have defected to Mr. Shinde's side. The stakes are high as the BJP, with Mr. Shinde's help, is straining every sinew to end the Thackeray clan's 25-year-rule over the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. The VBA, too, is on the back foot after severing its alliance with the AIMIM forged ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

A new alliance is therefore likely to be a mutual boost for both parties. Mr. Ambedkar's ideological reservations about the Sena (UBT) have been softened by the latter's attempt to re-position itself as a 'Sena 2.0' by eschewing 'rigid Hindutva' and speaking of a 'progressive Hindutva' where every community and religion has a place. Today, say observers, Mr. Uddhav Thackeray has the support of a significant minority and Dalit votes. The induction of new leaders such as the influential Ambedkarite, Sushma Andhare, seems to have worked in extending the Sena (UBT)'s traditional base.

Obstacles to this new bonding are ironically the NCP and the Congress. Despite being ideologically aligned with Mr. Ambedkar, both these parties are reluctant to take the VBA on board. The VBA-AIMIM combination had played havoc during the 2019 general election, cannibalising Congress and NCP votes. Analysts say the Congress and NCP are wary of the VBA's induction in the coalition given the similarities of their respective vote banks.

While Mr. Ambedkar has said the alliance is Mr. Uddhav Thackeray's call, it remains to be seen whether the Sena leader will separately ally with the VBA or manage to persuade his MVA allies to take the VBA on board.

Oil, not workers, has pushed inflation in the United States

The rise in oil prices has mirrored the rising inflation while real wages have fallen

DATA POINT

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Inflation has been high and persistent in the global economy since 2020Q1. We are told workers buoyed by tightening labour markets have driven wages up, which in turn has resulted in inflation. A related explanation is that rising demand has led to inflation. These two factors lie at the heart of the policy of inflation targeting, according to which the central bank should, by increasing interest rates, throw sands in the gears of the labour market and in the activity level of the economy to stall the demand for higher wages. Since this policy followed by the Federal Reserve has implications the world over, particularly in the Global South as a result of capital flight, it is important to ascertain the veracity of these claims.

The commonly accepted argument is that the bargaining power of workers increases with a rise in employment. This results in a rise in demand for wages, which results in price increases. This phenomenon is called the 'wage-price' spiral. **Chart 1** shows that the real wages, despite a fall in unemployment (not shown), have been falling instead of rising during this phase of high inflation. The reason? Workers, in general, have lost their bargaining power in the era of globalisation as a result of a threat of a job flight.

While rising demand may lead to inflation (provided costs go up with the level of activity), is this phase of high inflation a case of demand-pull inflation? **Chart 2** shows the level of capacity utilisation (ratio of what is produced in an economy to the maximum that the currently installed capacities can produce) in the U.S. economy against inflation. The chart shows that while capacity utilisation has increased in the post-lockdown phase, it is not exceptional. Nor have similar levels of capacity utilisation in the past been associated with high inflation.

The current phase of inflation is a clear case of cost-push inflation. Businesses increase prices when costs go up – in this case, the costs of oil prices. **Chart 3** shows that inflation in the U.S. has followed the rise in oil prices almost one-to-one. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the G7's economic sanction are the reasons for the rise in oil prices. If inflation is to be controlled, efforts should be made to bring tempers down on that front.

Inflation targeting as a framework is premised on inflicting recession/slowdown on the economies to bring the demand down, which in turn brings inflation down. **Chart 4** shows that increasing interest rates does manage to inflict that hardship on the economy (and its citizens). Between 2021Q3 and 2022Q3, which saw aggressive hikes in the federal funds rate (the rate of interest that the central banks controls directly), the rate of growth of private investment took a significant hit.

Since the Fed believes it needs to nip the workers' inflationary expectations in the bud, it has, and is planning, to aggressively increase interest rates. If it continues doing so, a deep global recession is almost inevitable. We have shown that the Fed is barking up the wrong tree and is punishing the working people in the U.S. for no fault of theirs. But the punishment is not just limited to the U.S.'s workers; hardships are inflicted on workers globally because such a rise in the Fed funds rate forces all the economies to increase their policy rates to avoid flight of capital back to the U.S. Economies in the Global South in particular have to increase their interest rates many times more because of the supreme preference of international finance for dollars over any other currency in the world.

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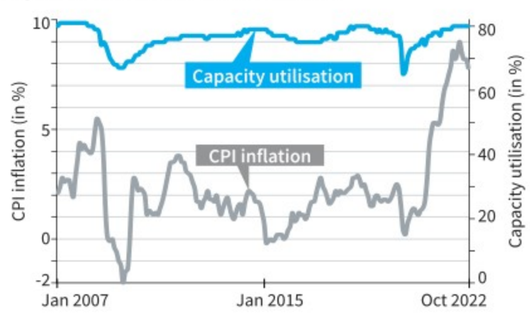
Greasing inflation

The data for charts were sourced from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, United States

Chart 1 | The chart shows the growth in real wages and the consumer price index (CPI) inflation in the U.S.

Chart 2 | The chart shows the level of capacity utilisation (right-axis) and the CPI inflation (left-axis)



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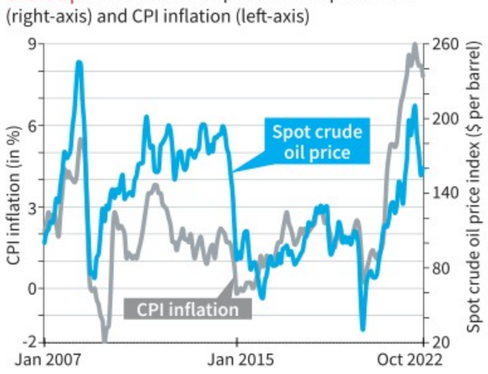
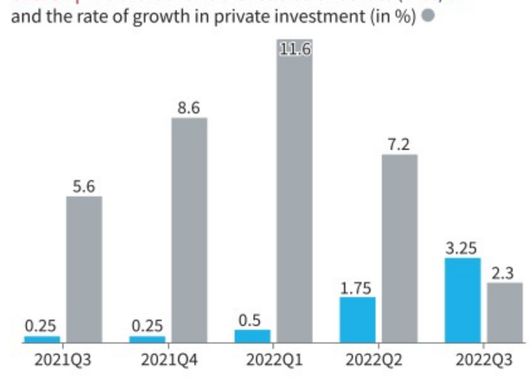


Chart 4 | The chart shows the federal funds rate (in %) and the rate of growth in private investment (in %)



FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO: DECEMBER 13, 1972 |

Gesture to Pak.: Claim to two small villages given up

New Delhi, Dec. 12: The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Swaran Singh, told Parliament to-day that as a gesture of goodwill India had given up its claim to the two little villages of Dhun and Ghikot along the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir involving an area of only 0.45 square miles, after Pakistan agreed to vacate the Thakochak area across the international border covering roughly 1.5 square miles. Beyond this bare announcement, Mr. Swaran Singh did not take the two Houses into confidence about the rationale behind this quid pro quo in the name of rationalising the line of control through what he called a "minor adjustment of mutual claims." But it became known that these two hamlets, which lie about eight miles west of Uri in the vicinity of the Poonch area, form part of over a dozen such pockets on the Indian side of the old ceasefire line which have remained under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. During the delineation talks, Pakistan stacked its claims to most of these pockets which were in its control at the time of last year's ceasefire. Though India had conceded some of these claims, it refused to give up all these pockets since some of them were partly brought under Indian control during the recent conflict. Now as a gesture of goodwill it has decided to relinquish its claims to two more of these pockets, the hamlets of Dhun and Ghikot, which virtually form part of the Pakistani defence line in the Uri-Poonch region.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 13, 1922

In Persia

London, Dec. 11: The Anglo-French Oil Company has declared a dividend of 20 percent. Presiding at the general meeting Sir Chas Greenway predicted that the output of refined oil from Persia was likely to be nearly doubled within the next 18 months. He referred to anti-British propaganda, which he believe came largely from Bolshevik sources, which had been carried on in Northern Persia. He did not believe it had responsible Persian support because he thought all well informed Persians recognised that British support before and since the war was the only thing which had preserved Persia's independence.

From Page One

Indian, Chinese soldiers clash in Arunachal

This is not the first time that the area in Arunachal Pradesh has seen a face-off between the Indian and Chinese troops. Since the boundary is undefined, Indian and Chinese troops often face off while patrolling the area. In October 2021, a similar incident had taken place when some Chinese soldiers of a large patrol team were detained for a few hours by the Indian Army as they engaged in a minor face-off near Yangtse.

In the past few years, the Army has significantly upgraded firepower and infrastructure along the LAC in the Tawang sector and a similar effort is under way in the rest of Arunachal Pradesh (RALP). This includes road infrastructure, bridges, tunnels, habitat and other storage facilities, aviation facilities and upgradation of communications and surveillance, especially in the Upper Dibang Valley region, as reported earlier.

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, there has been a change in the pattern of PLA patrols, with large-size patrols coming now to assert their claim. Before the 2020 standoff in eastern Ladakh, Chinese bases have largely been much farther from the LAC.

Majority of the transgressions in the past few years have been in the western sector, while there is an increasing trend of transgressions in the eastern and middle sectors, officials had stated earlier. The LAC is divided into western (Ladakh), middle (Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), Sikkim, and eastern (Arunachal Pradesh) sectors.

In eastern Ladakh, India and China are positioned in close proximity at multiple locations along the undefined LAC for more than two years. While several rounds of talks at diplomatic and military levels have eased the stand-off at a few points, turning the areas into no-patrolling zones, there are others where the build-up continues.

Retail inflation falls below 6% mark

November's retail inflation numbers corroborate RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das's point that the worst of inflation may be over, but core inflation remained 'sticky' above 6% as he had indicated during last week's monetary policy review. Economists expect headline inflation to resurge beyond the 6% tolerance threshold in December.

Vegetables and edible oils recorded 8.1% and 0.6% deflation, respectively, from November 2021 levels, but inflation in cereals continued to accelerate, rising from 12.1% in October to nearly 13%. Price rise in milk and spices also picked up pace to touch 8.16% and 19.5%, respectively.

"Inflation in the major components of core inflation – transportation and communication, housing, households good and services – was up or remained stable on-year, indicating continued passthrough of input prices and recovering demand," CRISIL chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi said.

"In case of fuel and lighting as the government has not altered the taxes, we have not been able to derive any benefit from lower global crude prices," pointed out Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis, who reckoned that inflation may cross 6.5% in December.

Last week, while raising the policy rate by 35 basis points to 6.25%, the central bank had projected inflation to average 6.6% in the current quarter and 5.9% between January and March 2023.

"Cereals and milk inflation, the top two contributors to food inflation, are still elevated and on an upward trend, while the upward pressure on services inflation has strengthened core inflation," said CARE Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha.

'A development model that shuns shortcuts for political gain needed'

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw says 'freebie' culture has been used for political gain; various schemes by the BJP government are aimed at bringing long-term benefits for citizens, he adds

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> The Modi government has a long-term view on reaching benefits to the citizens in a transparent manner, and as part of its governance agenda
>
> **ASHWINI VAISHNAW**
> Union Minister

India will have to evolve a sustainable development model across the country that shuns shortcuts for political gains, said Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's frequent calls for the same, and efforts to raise a public debate on "freebie" culture in electoral politics.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Vaishnaw said that efforts by the Modi government, since it was voted in, in 2014, were to shift to long-term moves that bring in good governance and transparency versus "shortcuts" of offering "freebies" that have no long-term impact of easing the everyday life of citizens.

"All efforts, be it opening of 45 crore Jan Dhan accounts to increase financial inclusion, seeding of 135 crore of Aadhaar identification leading to the disbursal of ₹26 trillion to beneficiaries under various programmes, and even the 219 crore COVID-19 vaccinations done in a year and 10 months shows that the Modi government has a long-term view on reaching benefits to the citizens in a transparent manner, and as part of its governance agenda," the Minister said.

'Qualitative difference'

He added that the debate on "shortcuts" versus good governance was needed for the future and drew a sharp line between the actions taken by the Modi government and others in terms of welfare.

"There is a huge qualitative difference between resolving to provide five lakh jobs in the space of a tenure and announcing a ₹1,500 allowance for the unemployed, one clearly empowers, and the other fosters a dependency," he said.

He also said that the Centre's conception of welfare programmes by the Modi government demonstrated this line between good governance and shortcuts, and specifically cited the programme to build toilets in rural areas, which he said was a "huge tool of empowerment for rural women" who ran the gauntlet on security earlier with no toilets at home and open defecation. He said all of this was also demonstrable in the reforms in taxation, like faceless assessment, and in the transparent auction of national resources like spectrum, that raised ₹4.64 lakh crore (2G to 5G) over the years. "Benami properties worth ₹4,300 crore have been seized and 1.75 lakh registrations of shell companies cancelled," he added stating that this was all a part of the larger architecture of good governance.

Mr. Vaishnaw's statements came in the background of repeated attempts by Mr. Modi to flag the issue of freebies and even the Supreme Court stepping into the issue via a case being heard there. On Sunday evening too, while inaugurating projects worth ₹75,000 crore in Nagpur and Goa, the Prime Minister had said that people should "expose" political parties trying to damage the economy for "their selfish purposes."

How long will Ashish Mishra remain in jail without bail, asks SC

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The Supreme Court on Monday asked a sessions court judge how long Ashish Mishra, a Union Minister's son and accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence and killings case, should be in custody without bail.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Krishna Murari said a balance ought to be struck among factors which include holding a fair trial, providing protection to victims and witnesses and consideration for the rights of the accused in the case.

On December 6, an Uttar Pradesh court framed charges of murder, rioting and criminal conspiracy against Mr. Mishra, the son of Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra Teni, in the case involving the mowing down of protesting farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri district in October last year.

The trial is expected to commence on December 16. Mr. Mishra has been in custody for a year.

The court asked the additional sessions judge in Lakhimpur Kheri to file a report on how long, tentatively, the trial would take to complete. It listed Mr. Mishra's application for bail on January 11.

"Under the monitoring of this court, we have reached from the stage of investigation to the framing of charges. There are a total of 200 witnesses in the case who have to testify. So, now the question is at what point should bail be granted... In a case in which a trial needs reasonable time to complete, what stage should bail be given? How long should he be kept in custody? It should not be a pre-judging of his case," Justice Kant asked during the hearing on Monday.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for the victims and families, said there was nothing "special" or "exceptional" in Mr. Mishra's case. Mr. Dave said the top court normally did not intervene when both the trial and the High Courts had refused bail in murder cases.

SC to consider plea for early listing of review petition by Bilkis Bano

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The counsel for Bilkis Bano, who was gang-raped and whose seven family members were killed in the Gujarat riots, on Monday made an urgent mentioning before the Supreme Court for the early listing of her review petition.

Ms. Bano has sought a review of a Supreme Court judgment of May 2022. The verdict had paved the way for the Gujarat government to release 11 convicts serving life sentence in her case under the State's Premature Release Policy of 1992.

On Monday, Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud informed advocate Shobha Gupta, Ms. Bano's lawyer, that the review petition would be listed before a Bench for consideration through circulation. "I will have it placed early," the Chief Justice said.

Ms. Gupta said a writ petition filed by Ms. Bano against the convicts' release has already been listed before a Bench led by Justice Ajay Rastogi on December 14. In her writ petition, Ms. Bano argued that the early release of the convicts amounted to a violation of her fundamental right to life. The other writ petitions filed by CPI(M) leader Subhashini Ali and others like Trinamool leader Mahua Moitra have also challenged the early release of the convicts.

These petitions were last heard by Justice Rastogi's Bench on October 18.

Piyush Goyal, U.K. Trade Secretary to hold FTA talks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his British counterpart, Kemi Badenoch, will meet here on Tuesday as both sides are engaged over the sixth round of talks for the bilateral Free Trade Agreement.

This is the first in-person meeting between the two since Ms. Badenoch came in as part of the government of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak last October. Ahead of her visit, Trade Secretary Badenoch set the agenda of her visit saying she will "not discuss on the matter of hundred more student visas for Indians", *The Telegraph* reported.

Jaishankar to attend meetings on UNSC reform and terrorism

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will visit New York to participate in two high-level ministerial meetings at the UN Security Council on December 14 and 15. The meetings will take up reforms in the UN Security Council and the global counter-terror campaign. During the visit, he will unveil a bust of Mahatma Gandhi on the UN premises.

"The high-level ministerial open debate on December 14 is on the theme of 'New Orientation for Reformed Multilateralism' [NORMS] and the high-level briefing on December 15 is on 'Global Approach to Counter Terrorism - Challenges and Way Forward'. Both these themes have been key priorities for India during its current tenure at the UN Security Council," the Ministry of External Affairs said. Mr. Jaishankar will also interact with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from UNSC member countries.

S. Jaishankar

Umar Khalid gets a week's bail for sister's wedding

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday granted interim bail for a week to former JNU student Umar Khalid to attend his sister's wedding. Mr. Khalid is in jail since September 2020 in a case connected with the 2020 northeast Delhi riots.

Additional sessions judge Amitabh Rawat granted bail to Mr. Khalid from December 23 to 30. Mr. Khalid had initially sought bail for two weeks.

He was booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and sections of the Indian Penal Code for allegedly being one of the "masterminds" and instigators behind the 2020 riots.

RS passes 'futuristic' Energy Conservation Bill to further regulate carbon emissions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha on Monday passed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill clearing the decks for "mandate use of non-fossil sources", including green hydrogen, green ammonia, biomass and ethanol for energy and feedstock and establish Carbon Markets in the country.

The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill in August.

Replying to a debate on the Bill, Power Minister R.K. Singh termed the Bill futuristic and said it will give an impetus to India's efforts to go for greener sources of energy.

Mr. Singh said the Bill aims to bring large residential buildings, with a minimum connected load of 100 Kilowatt (kW) or contract demand of 120 Kilovolt Ampere (kVA), within the fold of energy conservation regime. He said the States, if they wish, can bring down the connected load and contract demand.

The Bill, according to R.K. Singh, will enhance the scope of Energy Conservation Building Code

The Bill, according to him, will also enhance the scope of Energy Conservation Building Code, amend penalty provisions, increase members in the Governing Council of Bureau of Energy Efficiency and empower the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to make regulations for smooth discharge of its functions.

The Opposition, however, found flaws in the Bill. DMK member P. Wilson said the Bill has a lot of legal infirmities which go to the root of the matter and requires re-consideration and reintroduction. He added that the Bill is *ultra vires* of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

"While the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 deals with saving energy, the present Bill deals with saving environment and conserving climate change due to usage of fossil and non-fossil fuels while generating electricity. The scope and objective of the principal Act does not take in the purpose and object of the present Bill. The Bill relates to monitoring and controlling of carbon emission and climate change, which is an aspect of the environmental laws," Mr. Wilson said.

Benefits of policy on rare diseases not reaching patients: MP

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Rajya Sabha member from the Nationalist Congress Party Fauzia Khan on Friday raised concerns over the benefits of the National Policy of Rare Diseases (NPRD) not reaching patients even after several months since its introduction.

The Union Health Ministry notified the NPRD in March 2021. In May, it increased the funding support to ₹50 lakh per patient with diseases classified as rare.

However, the MP alleged that the "unending delay and lack of urgency" on the part of the Centres of Excellence (CoE), designated as per the policy, has claimed several young lives and endangered the survival prospects of 415 patients, largely children, diagnosed with rare diseases.

Fauzia Khan

These diseases included Lysosomal storage disorders, Gaucher disease, Pompe disease, MPS 1 and 2 and Fabry disease.

An analysis of data from the national crowd-funding platform revealed that around 190 patients diagnosed with ultra-rare genetic conditions could be immediately put on life-saving therapy, she added.

Matchbox industry is in peril, says Kanimozhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

DMK MP Kanimozhi on Monday said the safety matches industry was in peril due to the rising costs of raw materials and the imposition of GST.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, the Thoothukudi MP said 10 lakh people were employed in the industry in her constituency and that 90% of them were women. As it was a drought-prone area, the job was the only source of income for the people, she added.

She said the illegal import of plastic lighters was also affecting the industry. "This industry is being ambushed from all sides. I urge the government to ban single-use plastic lighters, and reduce GST and the cost of raw materials," she said.

M.P. Congress leader booked for remarks against Prime Minister

Shubhomoy Sikdar
BHOPAL

A controversy erupted on Monday after a video emerged in which senior Madhya Pradesh Congress leader Raja Pateria is heard purportedly calling for "killing Prime Minister Narendra Modi" to "save the Constitution" at a gathering in Panna.

An FIR has been filed against Mr. Pateria for his statement. He clarified that by "killing" he meant "defeating". The statement drew sharp criticism from the BJP, with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan calling it "the epitome of rancour and hatred".

"Modi will divide [people] on the basis of religion, caste and language. The lives of Dalits, tribals and minorities are in danger, if the Constitution has to be saved then be ready to kill Modi, killing in the sense that defeat him," Mr. Pateria can be heard saying in the video.

Reacting to the statement, Mr. Chouhan said in a tweet, "The reality of those pretending to be on the Bharat Jodo Yatra is coming to the fore. Honourable Prime Minister resides in the heart of the public...Congress people are unable to compete with him in the field, that is why they are talking about killing him."

Cong. distances itself

The Madhya Pradesh Congress distanced itself from the comments made by Mr. Pateria. Party leader Suresh Pachauri said while he was not aware of the details, "whatever has been reported in the media, if true, is condemnable and there was no place for violence in the Congress".

Bhupendra Patel takes oath as 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat

Sixteen other Ministers, including eight of Cabinet rank, sworn in at a gala event in State capital Gandhinagar; several senior Ministers from previous government dropped; PM Modi, Union Ministers and CMs of BJP-ruled States attend swearing-in

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Bhupendra Patel was sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat on Monday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, senior Union Ministers and several Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States.

Eight Cabinet Ministers, six Ministers of States and two Ministers of States with independent charge were also sworn in at a gala event in State capital Gandhinagar. Governor Acharya Devvrat administered the oath of office and secrecy to the Chief Minister and his Cabinet members.

After the swearing-in, the first Cabinet meeting was held at the Secretariat, where the Ministers were allocated their portfolios.

While Mr. Bhupendra Patel kept the portfolios of Home and Revenue with himself, Cabinet Minister Kanubhai Desai was given the important departments of Finance, Energy and Petrochemicals, which he held in the previous government too.

Thanking voters: Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets people during the oath-taking ceremony in Gandhinagar on Monday. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and other Ministers look on. VIJAY SONEJI

Another Cabinet Minister Rushikesh Patel got the portfolios of Health and Family Welfare, Law and Justice, and Legislative Affairs. Both Mr. Desai and Mr. Patel were also appointed Cabinet spokespersons.

Harsh Sanghavi, Minister of State for Home in the previous government, was again allotted the portfolios of Home and Industries as MoS and Transport, Youth & Culture and Sports as MoS with independent charge.

A notable entry into the Cabinet is Balwantsinh Rajput, a Congress turncoat.

Mr. Rajput won from his traditional Sidhpur seat in north Gujarat and has been given the important portfolios of Industries, Labour and Employment, and Civil Aviation.

Another Congress turncoat in the Cabinet is Kuvarji Bavalia, who has been given the departments of Water Resources, Food and Civil Supply. He was a Minister in the Vijay Rupani government. Rajkot (rural) legislator Bhanuben Babaria, the only woman member in the Council of Ministers, has been given the portfolios of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Women and Child Development.

Several dropped

Several senior Ministers from the previous government have been dropped, including Education Minister Jitu Vaghani, Tourism and Transport Minister Purnesh Modi, Tribal Development Minister Jitu Chaudhari and Environment and Forest Minister Kiritsinh Rana.

According to sources, the Cabinet will be expanded with the induction of eight to 10 new Ministers in the next round, but there is no clarity regarding when this expansion will happen. Among the notable faces missing in the first round are Shankar Chaudhary, a major figure in the cooperative sector, MLA Balu Shukla and former Rajya Sabha member and Dalit leader Shambhu Prasad Tundia.

BJP has borrowed Cong. playbook of deploying CBI, ED against rivals: Akhilesh

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The BJP has borrowed the Congress's playbook of deploying Central agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Enforcement Directorate (ED), and the Income Tax Department against the Opposition, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav told the *The Hindu* on Monday.

He exulted in the party's victory in the Mainpuri Lok Sabha byelection, while blaming the Election Commission and the Uttar Pradesh administration for its defeat in the Rampur Assembly byelection.

Mr. Yadav, who was accompanying his wife and Mainpuri MP-elect Dimple Yadav, for the oath-taking ceremony at Parliament, said the victory margin of more than two lakh votes proved that the SP had secured votes from all communities.

"We have won against all odds. The BJP used force to stop our voters and intimidate our workers. In fact, Central forces were despatched only to villages where Samajwadi Party had many supporters. Both the BJP and the RSS galvanised their entire organisation, but the voters still chose us," Mr. Yadav said. He added that the victory had infused new energy into the SP cadre and it was up to the leadership to capitalise on this.

Akhilesh Yadav

The Mainpuri seat fell vacant after the death of Mr. Yadav's father and SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav.

Mr. Yadav blamed the commission for the party's defeat in the Rampur Sadar Assembly constituency, a pocket borough of senior leader Azam Khan. The seat fell vacant after Mr. Khan was disqualified. "Election Commission's primary responsibility is to ensure that voters are able to vote without fear or favour. There was more police force than voters [in Rampur]. All our complaints, many of which were filed with video evidence of how the police was harassing and dissuading the voters, were ignored by the EC. The police should be deployed not to stop the voters but to ensure how fair elections can be held," he said.

Mr. Yadav said that he was hopeful of an anti-BJP coalition shaping up in time for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. "It will take time, but it will happen," he said, adding that all national leaders were working towards bringing together like-minded forces. Every Opposition party, he said, will have a role, as will the Congress party.

While he struck a positive note on Opposition unity, he did not sound confident about the Congress.

"Bharat Jodo Yatra is going on. Let's see how it goes. But the point is, we need to talk about the real issues like the inflation, unemployment and come up with an alternative plan. As far the Congress is concerned, they were the first ones to use ED and CBI against their opponents. The BJP has just borrowed their own playbook," he said.

Don't refer to caste, religion in House: Birla

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday took strong exception to Telangana Congress member A. Revanth Reddy for his comments about referring to his caste during a discussion in the House. Mr. Birla said strict action would be taken if this was repeated.

During Question Hour, Mr. Reddy alleged that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had indicated to his caste as being responsible for his "weak Hindi".

Responding to the Congress member's question on the depreciation of rupee, Ms. Sitharaman said she would also give her reply in "weak Hindi" to the question by the member in "weak Hindi".

On this, Mr. Birla warned members against referring to anyone's caste and religion in the House. He said people had not elected the members to the Lok Sabha on the basis of their caste and religion.

"Please do not use such words. Otherwise, I will have to take action. I am placing this on record. Parliament will not go on like this," he said.

He also chided the Telangana MP for asking him "not to interrupt". "You cannot say, do not interrupt. This is my right," the Speaker said asking the Congress Leader of the House, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, to tell his party members that they should never make such comments. "You are the Leader of the House. Make members understand that they should never comment on the Speaker in the future 'that you (Speaker) cannot interrupt'. "

Earlier, the Speaker was also unhappy with Mr. Reddy quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments of 2013 on the depreciation of rupee. Mr. Modi had said that the "rupee was in the ICU".

Congress alleges fraud in Gujarat election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleging electoral fraud, the Congress on Monday claimed that on an average 6.5% of the total votes polled in the Gujarat Assembly election were cast in the last one hour of polling. They alleged that in many seats this number went up to 11%, the party said.

"In the last one hour of the second round of voting in Gujarat, we saw unprecedented rise in votes at the rate of 6.5% on an average. There were seats where even 11.5% of the total votes polled were cast in the last one hour. This is humanly impossible," party spokesperson Pawan Khera said. Mr. Khera added that going by these numbers, the average speed of casting a vote was 20-30 seconds.

In the Raopura Assembly constituency in Vadodara, he said, the voting percentage was 51% at 5 p.m. and rose to 57.6% at 6 p.m., a rise of 16,000 votes spread over 281 booths. "This means 57 votes were cast in one hour in every booth," he said, and added that some seats in Vadodara even witnessed a 10%-12% increase in votes in the last one hour.

"Nobody should be allowed to hijack the one and only weapon available to us as voters, which is our vote. We are analysing the results, going down to every booth, and will come up with remedial steps that we, as an opposition party, have to take," he said.

The party was asked on why it took them four days to analyse the results. "It is not incumbent on me, or you [media]. It would not have stopped the results. We have to equip us properly before taking the next step," he said.

"We don't see any steps being taken on any of our complaints given to the Election Commission," Mr. Khera added.

Families in J&K to get unique ID, says L-G

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the administration will roll out an eight-digit unique identification number for families in the Union Territory "for speedy and transparent implementation of social security schemes".

However, regional parties, including the National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), expressed doubts over the intention behind the move.

On the sidelines of a function in Jammu, Mr. Sinha said: "A decision has been taken for family identification. As we all have Aadhaar numbers, it will be an eight-digit identification number for families. It will be made with the consent of the families and register details like birth, marriage etc."

Questioning the move, former Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said, " Kashmiris are viewed with deep suspicion and this is another surveillance tactic to tighten the grip on their lives."

NC chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said the new ID was not needed. "The government could instead focus on effective delivery of existing schemes."

Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Circle, Ajmer
No.: SE/AJ/TECH/D-3305 Date:- 01.12.2022
NIB No.:- PWD2223A3071
Notice Inviting Bid No. 08/2022-23
Bids for 02 No. Packages are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on Tuesday 20 December 2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 811.70 Lacs.
S.NO. 1 - UBN No. :- PWD2223WSOB12021
S.NO. 2 - UBN No. :- PWD2223WSOB12022
(Ashok Kumar Tanwar),
Superintending Engineer,
DIPR/C/15644 PWD, Circle, Ajmer.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 50, 51/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA, **Jal Jeevan Mission (1)** - CWSS to Idukki - Kanjikuzhi, Vazhathope, Mariyapuram, Kamakshi, Vathikudy and Vannapuram (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District - Supplying and laying distribution system and Providing FHTCs in Kamakshi Panchayath. **(2)** WSS To Nedumkandam, Pampadumpara, Upputhara Elappara (Part) And Arakulam (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District - Supplying and Laying Distribution System and Providing FHTCs in Upputhara, Elappara (part) and Arakkulam (part) Panchayaths, **EMD :** Rs. 500000/- each, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 16540/- each, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 03-01-2023, 04:00 pm, **Phone :** 0485 2835637.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
KWA-JB-GL-6-1219-2022-23 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha**

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, SMS HOSPITAL, JAIPUR.
(Swai Ram Singh Road, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302004)
No.F-10( )/contract/H-Skilled/smsh/2022-23/8940 **Dated: 17/11/22**
NOTICE INVITING BID
(NIB No 8940 dated 17/11/22)
Bids for the High Skilled Services/works ECG/OT/Lab Technician, Pharmacist & Telephone Operator on the job basis for Two years rate contract are invited from interested bidders up to 02/01/2023 on 05.PM Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**) of the state.
(UBN NO. MCJ2223SLRC00111)
DIPR/C/15576 **Medical Superintendent**

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Purchase Department,
Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027
No.: KST/CO/S&P/SSD/1656/2022-23 **Date: 10.12.2022**
"e"-Auction Notice
Scrap Vehicles and Materials available at various units of KSRTC will be sold through e-Auction to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking).
The e-Auction schedule is as under:
Scrap Vehicles e-Auction Start from: 21.12.2022
Scrap Materials e-Auction Start from: : 22.12.2022
The interested Bidders may logon to **www.mstcecommerce.com** for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., at bellow mentioned address for needful clarification.
Address:
M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., No. 19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunning Ham Road, Bengaluru-560052. Contact Phone Nos.: **080-22260054, 22266417, 22287356,** Fax No.: **080-22256365**.
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Applications from eligible candidates are invited for selection for appointment to 11 ex-cadre posts of Court Assistants (Technical Assistant-cum-Programmers) in **Level 7** of Pay Matrix with initial basic pay of **Rs. 44900/-** plus other allowances as admissible under the rules (approximate Gross Salary with HRA – **Rs. 80,803/-**). The qualifications, other eligibility conditions and prescribed application for the said post can be downloaded from Supreme Court website: **www.sci.gov.in** under the Head **'Recruitment'**. The last date for submission of application form is **31.12.2022**.
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Date :12/12/2022 Registrar (Recruitment)

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Public Office P.O, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 033.
Empanelment of IT Service Partner (ITSA) - Application inviting for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K-SMART Application.
Information Kerala Mission invites interest from reputed organizations for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K-SMART Application. Details are available in IKM's website **(www.ikm.gov.in)**. Last date of submission of response is **22.12.2022, 5.00 PM**. Phone No. **0471-2773100.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
GREATER CHENNAI POLICE
C.No. MPF -1/85441/2015 **TENDER NOTICE** **Date : 12.12.2022**
e-tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System

Request for Proposal for selection of System Integrator to Design, Supply, Install, Commission, Operate and Manage the "Modernisation of Control Room with Command, Control, Communication & Intelligence (3ci) operations centre" and "Surveillance Solution" for Chennai City towards Mega City Policing (Chennai) Project under Modernisation of Police Force Scheme.	EMD Amount : INR.93,90,000/-
Tender publishing date and time : **13.12.2022 at 3.30 pm.**	
Tender last date and time of submission : **03.01.2023 upto 4.00 pm.**	
Bid document will be available in website **https://tntenders.gov.in**	
Tender opening date and time : **03.01.2023 at 4.15 pm.**	

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sanitationkerala@gmail.com **www.suchitwamission.org**
No. 5127/C4/2022/SM Date:09/12/2022
Expression of Interest (EoI)
Suchitwa Mission invites Expression of interest (EoI) for **Empanelling agencies to identify most modern proven technological options/ devices/ service providers in various sector for Solid/ Special waste management.**
Detailed notification is available on Suchitwa Mission website **https://suchitwamission.org/ last date of submission is on 27.12.2022, 5.00 pm (Through google forms- https://forms.gle/rmiocsJFaKpASwWG6).**
Sd /-
Executive Director

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender/60-2022-23/BPR

Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 60-2022-23/ BPR	Road & Bridge Works including 05 years Post Construction maintenance under Transferred Road Improvement Programme (TRIP)	02 Nos	From Rs.100.38 lakhs to Rs.608.13 Lakhs	"B" Class, "A" & "Special" Class as applicable	06 (Six) & 11 (Eleven) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender /60-2022-23/BPR	15.12.2022 at 10.00 A.M.	30.12.2022 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) No EMD is required as per O.M.No.8484 Dt.05.04.2022 of Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.
Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: - www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
O-1413: OIPR-25071/11/0096/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CONTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK
Email id :- seeccuttack@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I/08 of 2022-23 (On-line)

1.	Name of Work	i)	Lining of Tentulipada minor off-taking from RD 2.960K.M of Distributary No- 12 Main of Taladanda Canal System. **Bid identification No. ACE, EC-I MSD 07 of 2022-23.**
		ii)	Improvement to Negeshpur Minor from RD 0.80 km to 2.05km, Jagannathpur Minor from RD 0.00 km to 1.048 Km and Nahalpur Minor from RD 0.60 km to 1.23 km of PBC. Karilopatana Minor from RD 0.00km to 0.90 Km of KBC and Disty. No. 5-1/2 of Kendrapada Canal. **Bid identification No. ACE, EC-I MND 02 of 2022-23.**
2.	Total No. of Packages	:	**02 Nos. Packages.**
3.	Tender Paper Cost (Non-refundable)	:	**Rs.10,000.00 (On-line payment)**
4.	Bid Security	:	**"Bid Security Declaration"** is to be furnished as per Finance Department Office Memorandum No.8484/F dated 05.04.2022. The bids without **"Bid Security Declaration"** will be summarily rejected.

5. Bid details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Amount (Rs.in Lakh) (Approx.)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
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	ACE, EC-I MND 02 of 2022-23	420	'A'	6 (Six) Calendar months			

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INBRIEF

CBSE board exams to include competency-based questions

At least 40% of questions in the CBSE Class 10 exam and 30% in Class 12 exams in 2023 will be competency-based, the Ministry of Education said. These questions will comprise multiple formats such as objective type, constructing response type, assertion and reasoning, and case-based. The information was shared by Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi in response to a written question in the Lok Sabha. "In pursuance of NEP-2020, CBSE has been introducing competency-based questions in Classes 10 and 12 board examinations to reform the pattern of examinations," she said. CBSE is yet to announce the exam schedule. PTI

Priyanka Gandhi joins Bharat Jodo Yatra in Rajasthan

The eighth day of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Rajasthan, devoted to women's empowerment, witnessed the participation of hundreds of women from the villages of Bundi district, from where the march resumed. Monday's leg of the yatra was called the 'Nari Shakti Padyatra'. All India Congress Committee general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, accompanied by her daughter Miraya and husband Robert Vadra, joined the yatra and walked with Rahul Gandhi, starting from Tejaji Maharaj Mandi at Babai, and trekked through the Kota-Lalsot mega highway.

India blocks Pak.-based OTT platform for hate content

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Monday issued directions for blocking the smart TV app of Pakistan-based OTT platform Vidly TV, for allegedly running a web series that was aimed at sowing hatred and division among Indian communities. A website, two mobile applications and four social media accounts have also been blocked. According to the Ministry, the series titled "Sevak: The Confessions" was found to be detrimental to the "national security, sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of the State, India's friendly relations with foreign states, and public order in the country".

Anil Deshmukh gets bail, order kept in abeyance for 10 days

The Bombay High Court on Monday granted bail to former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh in a case of corruption involving ₹100 crore by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). A single Bench of Justice M.S. Karnik directed Mr. Deshmukh to be released after furnishing surety of ₹1 lakh. The order will be effective after 10 days as the CBI sought time to appeal against it before the Supreme Court. The Bench was hearing the bail petition of Mr. Deshmukh, 73, lodged at the Arthur Road Jail since November 2, 2021. A special CBI court, on October 21, had rejected his bail in the same case. On October 4, the High Court had granted him bail in the money laundering case against him by the Enforcement Directorate.

Govt. to turn 36,428 villages as 'model tribal villages'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs is now working to develop 36,428 villages with at least 50% tribal population and 500 STs across the country into 'model tribal' villages, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh told the Lok Sabha on Monday.

She added that these efforts were part of the existing Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS), which has now been renamed to the Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna (PMAAGY), for implementation from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Ms. Singh said that this project is meant to cover as many as 4.22 crore tribal people in the country, which comprises around 40% of the total ST population in India.

Of the target number of villages, during 2021-22 and 2022-23, a total of about 16,554 villages have been taken up, Ms. Singh said.

An amount of ₹1,927 crore had been released to States and the Village Development Plans for 6,264 villages had been approved so far, Ms. Singh added.

Remove offending allegations in petition against conversion: SC

Court directs counsel to go through the petitioner's submissions after a Christian organisation flagged the 'scurrilous, vexatious and scandalous' charges levelled against minority religions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday took serious note of a Christian organisation's objections to "scurrilous, vexatious and scandalous" allegations made against minority religions by petitioner-advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay in his case alleging "massive" forcible religious conversions.

Appearing before a Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and S. Ravindra Bhat, senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for the organisation referred to allegations made in the additional submissions filed by Mr. Upadhyay in the top court on December 8.

"These allegations include that certain religions are perpetuating rapes and murders... These averments should not be even on the files of Your Lordships. It gives a wrong signal to the minority community that the Supreme Court is allowing this to go uncontested," Mr. Dave submitted.

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> Senior advocate

Justice Bhat intervened to address senior advocate Arvind Datar, who is appearing for Mr. Upadhyay, to go through his client's written submissions and remove the offending allegations. "Mr. Datar, please consider what these allegations are and moderate them... You should not have all this on record," Justice Bhat told Mr. Datar.

"You should personally look into this," Justice Shah told the senior lawyer.

"If it is scurrilous, it will be removed," Mr. Datar assured the court.

The 28-page written submissions filed by Mr. Upadhyay includes statements like "history is evident that forceful and fraudulent conversions are a global phenomenon in human history. In their zeal of converting people to their own religion, both Muslims and Christians killed billions of people, raped millions of women and destroyed millions of temples and other worship centres. They have completely destroyed many ancient cultures like Maya, Mesopotamia, Roman, Egypt, etc".

On Monday, Mr. Dave urged the court to allow organisations and individuals representing minority communities to implead themselves in the case and contest Mr. Upadhyay's petition claiming large-scale religious conversions across the country.

Justice Shah said the court would consider their applications for impleadment in the next hearing on January 9. It said it wanted to first know if the Centre, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was not present during the hearing, would be filing an affidavit in the case.

In the previous hearing on December 5, the court had observed that conversion should not be the hidden intention behind charity and good work.

"Everybody has a right to choose their faith but that does not mean luring somebody by giving something," Justice Shah had said on December 5.

SC seeks govt.'s response on tenure of ED director

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the government's response on petitions challenging the third extension in tenure given to Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra.

A Bench led by Justice B.R. Gavai issued notice to the Union of India and the Central Vigilance Commission.

The petitioners have questioned the legality of amendments made to the Central Vigilance Commission Act by way of promulgation of an ordinance in November last year. This ordinance, which allows extensions up to five years for ED Director, had paved the way for the government to stretch Mr. Mishra's tenure by a year till November 2022. The ordinance, which became an Act, was promulgated within days of a Supreme Court order barring any further extensions to Mr. Mishra. The government gave his third extension in November 2022.

The petitioners have argued that the "piecemeal" one-year extensions in service affects institutional independence.

Don't delay scheme for madrasas, House panel tells Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on Monday pulled up the Union government for the delay in approving the continuation of the Scheme for Providing Education to Madrasas/ Minorities (SPEMM), which provides for financial assistance to madrasas and minority institutes.

The scheme has two sub-schemes – the Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) and Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutes (IDMI) – and was transferred from the Ministry of Minority Affairs to the Ministry of Education in 2021.

The committee noted that the fate of the scheme continued to hang in the balance with the government yet to approve the draft Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) memorandum for its continuation.

Given the transfer of the scheme, the committee said it had desired the Ministry to complete the process of the EFC note on the mechanism to implement the schemes. But it said it was "surprised" to note that despite the NITI Aayog's recommendation to continue the scheme, the EFC memorandum was "still under finalisation".

"The committee feels that a decision for continuation of any scheme is very crucial not only for the beneficiaries but also for States/Union Territories/ implementing agencies, and delay on such matters affects the purpose of the scheme," the Parliamentary panel said, adding that the Ministry should have expedited the matter.

Illegal liquor unit operating in a school in Odisha busted

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Excise Department has stumbled upon an illegal liquor bottling facility operating on a school campus in Sundargarh district.

Acting on a tip-off, Rourkela excise personnel conducted a raid on the school at Phuljhar village in Nuagaon block of Sundargarh. They found 936 litres of liquor worth ₹6.2 lakh. Two persons including Surendra Bodei, owner of the property, were arrested.

Narendra Gop, headmaster of the school, said four of the six rooms available on the premise were used as classrooms, while two rooms were left for use of the owner.

In its latest report, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has pointed out various loopholes in manufacturing and sale of liquor in Odisha.

Scindia visits Delhi airport amidst complaints of brawls, overcrowding, missed flights

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Amidst complaints of overcrowding, missed flights and brawls at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday made a visit to the airport, following which additional measures were announced for better management of passenger experience.

According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation sources, Delhi International Airport Limited which operates the IGI airport will have to provide digital display boards at entry gates at Terminal 3, which will provide passengers information about expected waiting time so that they can enter through a gate where a shorter waiting period is involved. This information will also have to be provided on social media, which could help passengers to decide which gate to enter through, before they arrive at the airport.

Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia during his visit to the IGI, in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

The airport's command centre will monitor crowding at the gate in real time, and this information will be supplied to airlines so that they can ensure that the check-in counters are adequately staffed.

Additional tray retrieval system at the pre-embarkation security check area are also being deployed, which will take their total number from 14 to 17, and subsequently up to 20 in the next two weeks.

According to Ministry sources, an analysis of manpower requirements at immigration counters will also be undertaken immediately.

Mr. Scindia had called a meeting with all airports last week on the issue, following which specific measures were announced for Terminal 3 at the Delhi airport. This included deployment of ushers at the entry gate, opening of two new entry gates, traffic marshals at the forecourt area and additional x-ray machines and manpower at the security check area.

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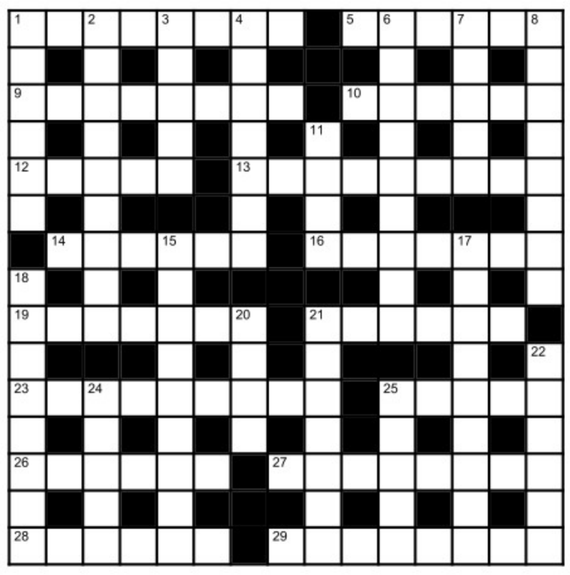

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5 Confer degree on saint with sign of respect after commencement (6)
9 One that may hang back to ward off animal outside (8)
10 Working within sixty minutes to get respect (6)
12 Not in control, be defeated without offence at the start (5)
13 A short daring initiative primarily dropped and eliminated (9)
14 Put together in favour of medicine (6)
16 Basically unsupervised zonal hospital building in Chinese city (7)
19 Short team clothing partly kept by leading rookie player in one (7)
21 European shine (6)
23 Negligent leader returns with abatement (9)
25 Part of helmet represented in unit of length (5)
26 Small quantity of eggnog, gingerbread (6)
27 Everyone to return and spread out to be assigned a share (8)
28 Provoke former lover with quote (6)
29 Part of engine left dry - nice to be replaced (8)

Down

1 Couple of diamonds smuggled in document - it's a fraud (6)
2 Side with tone - it's in poor taste (3,6)
3 Indulge in game for the most part with energy (5)
4 General drawback in the side the wind blows (7)
6 Omit a lone mistake, becoming passionate (9)
7 Small quantity of drug hard on canine perhaps (5)
8 Promise to protect primarily large bowl - one that a winner gets (5,3)
11 Attempt by a rookie - it could result in a score (4)
15 Temporary mask thief destroys (9)
17 Governor's appeal had Democrat paused briefly (9)
18 Established scope to separate (8)
20 Ransack short written record of events from the bottom (4)
21 Many left going down absorbing a fine (7)
22 Leader (king) could score with this (6)
24 Marvellous and grand illusion conjured for starters (5)
25 Islanders gutted important institute (5)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Important names of God

Bhakti alone cannot make a person comprehensive. We should be afraid of indulging in misdeeds. If we have that fear, it will make us self-disciplined and help us develop spirituality. This is called "Bhaya Bhakti". Bhaya denotes fear and Bhakti devotion. Chanting the names of God is the easiest way to develop spirituality. The base of ornaments is the yellow metal (gold) but the ornaments have more value – similarly, the names of God.

Among so many names, the following five are considered the most important. The first one is Sri Rama. Hanuman is the best example – He overcame all difficulties by chanting the name of Lord Rama.

The second is Sri Krishna, who is ever ready to help His devotees and fulfil their desires.

The third is Narayana. In whatever deep sorrow we are, by chanting the name Narayana, we can be easily pulled out of the abyss. Sri Andal says in the first poem in Tiruppavai that Lord Narayana will give all solace to us.

The fourth is Govinda. In Villibharatham, the author Sri Villiputhur Azhwan, says that when Draupadi was disrobed, she called the Lord only by this name and she was protected.

Lastly, Narasimha – the most powerful one. Lord Narasimha fulfilled the words of a hunter who gave a promise to Padmapadhar, a disciple of Sri Adi Sankara. The hunter tied the Lord with leaves and climbers and brought Him before Padmapadhar, as assured.

By chanting these five names every day, we can derive the benign blessings of the Almighty, said Smt. Vasuki Manoharan in a discourse.

UNICEF

'More than 11,000 children killed or wounded in Yemen since 2015'

AFP

More than 11,000 children have been killed or wounded in the conflict in Yemen since 2015, the UNICEF said, a week after it launched a multi-billion global funding drive. Yemen's Saudi-backed government and the Iran-aligned Houthis have been escalating an economic war amid stalling UN efforts for a truce. REUTERS

NEW YORK

Twitter relaunching subscriber service one month after debacle

REUTERS

Twitter is once again attempting to launch its premium service, a month after the social media platform's previous attempt failed. The company, owned by billionnaire Elon Musk, said on Saturday it would let users buy subscriptions to Twitter Blue to get a blue checkmark and access special features starting Monday. AP

ISLAMABAD

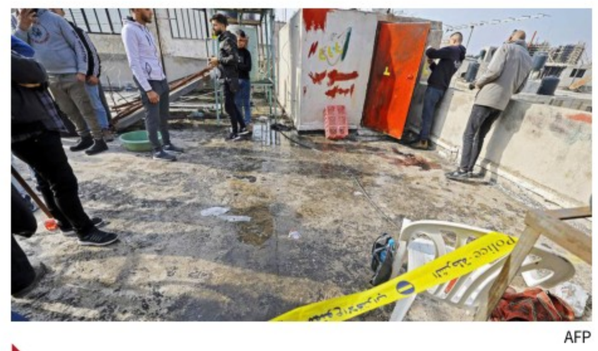
Pakistan expecting package worth multibillion-dollars from Saudi

AFP

Pakistan will likely secure a multibillion-dollar financial support package from long-time ally Saudi Arabia this month, two sources said, as the country awaits the ninth review of a $7 billion IMF bailout package. The package would include deposits boosting Pakistan's foreign reserves and oil on deferred payments. REUTERS

RAMALLAH

Palestinian girl shot dead in West Bank after raid by Israeli Army



AFP

A teenage Palestinian girl was shot dead on the roof of her house after an Israeli raid in the occupied West bank, official Palestinian sources said on Monday. Without commenting specifically, the Army said it was "aware of reports regarding a killed Palestinian female" and the incident "is under review". AFP

Chinese hospitals caught off-guard as COVID cases surge after opening

Starting today, the government will discontinue one of the key elements of the zero-COVID infrastructure: a mandatory 'travel card' app that tracked every person's movement based on their mobile phones and listed their recent locations

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's sudden easing of restrictions on December 7 after three years of a zero-COVID policy has left many hospitals unprepared to deal with the current surge of cases in many cities.

Fever clinics in the Chinese capital and around the country reported long lines on Monday, even as Beijing continued to swiftly dismantle its zero-COVID infrastructure with further easing of restrictions.

The government said starting Tuesday, it will discontinue one of the key elements of that infrastructure: a mandatory "travel card" app that tracked every person's movement based on their mobile phones and listed their recent locations. Visiting a high-risk city or province could mean being unable to travel, as the app was required for entry into many public buildings and the biggest obstacle for unhindered domestic travel in China under the earlier zero-COVID rules.

Stopgap measure: Local authorities in many cities have urged residents not to seek treatment at hospitals for mild cases. AFP

The easing of restrictions, prompted by rising economic and social costs as well as widespread protests last month, has led to an expected surge in COVID-19 cases. The rapid change of policy has, however, caught many hospitals off-guard, and left them scrambling to deal with cases and segregate patients according to risk.

Hospitals haven't been given enough time to come up with detailed protocols to deal with the flood of cases. Local authorities in many cities have urged residents to not seek treatment at hospitals for mild cases. There is, however, considerable fear over contracting COVID-19 after three years of messaging emphasising its dangers.

Cases rising

Media outlet *Caixin* reported on Monday that measures to separate COVID patients from others in hospitals "can not keep up with the surging number of infections."

"A doctor at a Beijing hospital said about 20% of the hospital's doctors were off duty due to their own infections or close contact with infected patients, leaving the rest of staff a heavier workload," the report said. "A doctor at a Guangzhou hospital said the hospital is severely understaffed as more than 200 people have been dispatched to makeshift quarantine hospitals."

Clinics shut

In Wuhan, authorities on December 1 published a list of 42 fever clinics, designed to ease the burden on hospitals, but some closed shortly after because of infected staff.

The bigger concern is the treatment of severe cases that usually follow an initial surge, with hospitals in the past year pushing to increase the number of ICU beds. Authorities are also rushing to vaccinate the elderly, with 60% of the 30 million above 80 population yet to complete three doses required to prevent hospitalisation.

Iran publicly carries out second protest execution

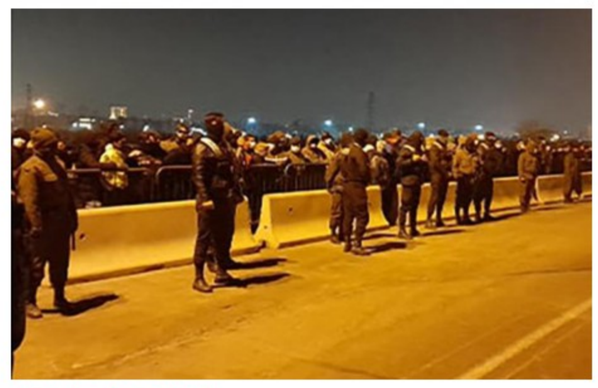
Agence Franace-Presse
PARIS

Iran on Monday executed a second man in connection with protests that have shaken the regime for almost three months, defying an international outcry over its use of capital punishment against those involved in the movement.

Majidreza Rahnavard, 23, had been sentenced to death by a court in the city of Mashhad for killing two members of the security forces with a knife, and wounding four other people, the judiciary's *Mizan Online* news agency reported.

It said he was hanged in public in the city, rather than inside prison.

Europe and the U.S. reacted with outrage after Iran on Thursday carried out the first execution linked to the protests. Mohsen Shekari, also 23, was hanged after his conviction for wounding a member of the security forces. *Mizan* published images of Rahnavard's execution, showing a man with his hands tied behind his back hanging from a rope attached to a crane. The execution took place before dawn and there was no sign of any significant number of people witnessing it. The director of Oslo-based group Iran Human Rights, Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam, said Rahnavard "was sentenced to death based on coerced confessions after a grossly unfair process and a show trial".



Punishment in public: People assembled at the site of the public execution of Majidreza Rahnavard in Mashhad on Monday. AFP

"The public execution of a young protester, 23 days after his arrest, is another serious crime committed by the Islamic Republic's leaders and a significant escalation of the level of violence against protesters," he said.

3 killed in attack on Kabul hotel popular with Chinese

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

At least three persons were killed when gunmen attacked a hotel popular with Chinese business people in the Afghan capital on Monday, with witnesses reporting multiple blasts and several bursts of gunfire.

Smoke could be seen pouring from the multi-storey Kabul Longan Hotel as Taliban security forces rushed to the site.

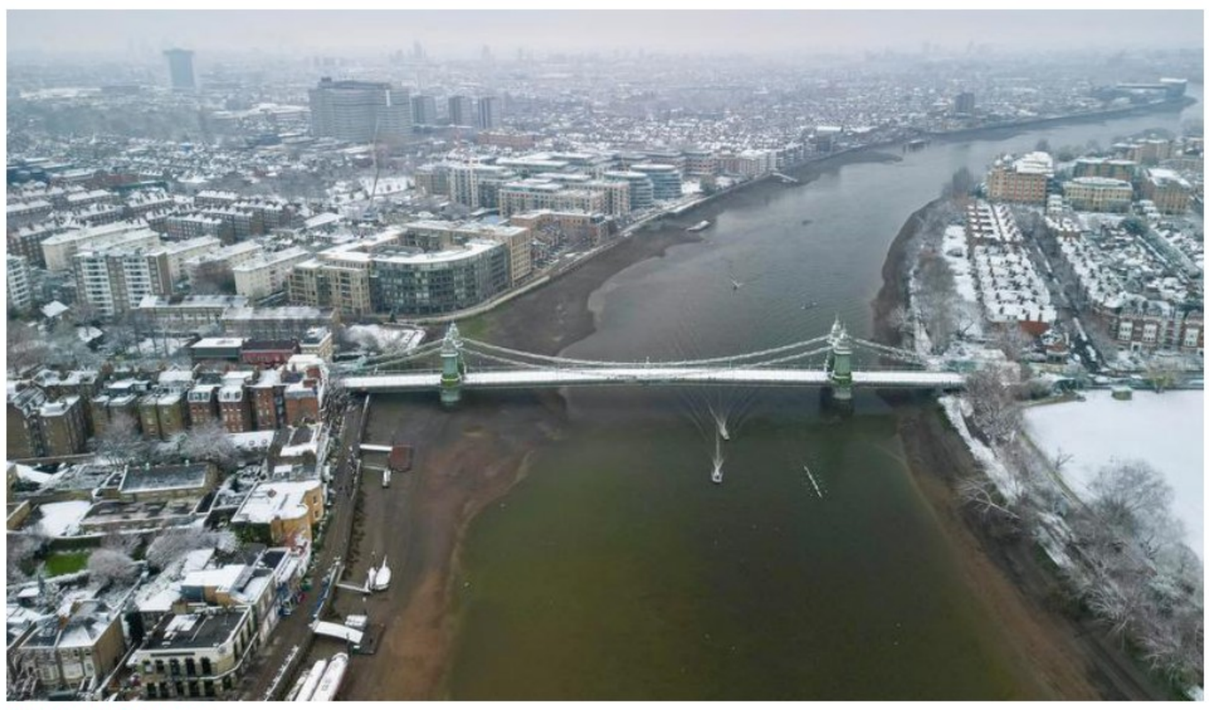
Italian non-governmental organisation Emergency NGO, which operates a hospital just 1 km from the blast site, said it had received 21 casualties, including three persons dead on arrival. It did not say if those dead were civilians or involved in the attack.

Unannounced visit: Taliban fighters on the rooftop of a hotel building during a gunfire in the city of Kabul on Monday. AP

A Kabul police spokesman said three attackers were killed and one suspect arrested, blaming the assault on "mischievous elements".

"All the guests of the hotel have been rescued and no foreigner was killed. Only two foreign guests were injured when they threw themselves from an upper storey," chief Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid added on Twitter.

White blanket



When London freezes: Heavy snowfall covered parts of Britain on Monday, disrupting airports, train networks and roads, and three young boys died after falling into an ice-covered lake as the country recorded its coldest night of the year. More than 50 flights were cancelled on Sunday at Heathrow, the U.K.'s largest airport, due to freezing fog. REUTERS

Biden vows support for Ukraine in call with Zelensky

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden spoke with Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday, reiterating Washington's strong support for the war-torn country and welcoming his counterpart's "openness to a just peace," the White House said.

Speaking to Mr. Zelensky over phone, Mr. Biden underscored "ongoing U.S. support for Ukraine's defence as Russia continues its assaults on Ukraine's critical infrastructure," a White House statement said.

Protests against the ouster of Castillo turn violent in Peru; new President proposes moving up elections

Associated Press
LIMA

Peru's newest President, Dina Boluarte, gave in to protesters' demands early on Monday announcing in a nationally televised address that she will send Congress a proposal to move up elections.

Ms. Boluarte's decision came after thousands of demonstrators took to the streets around Peru for another day on Sunday to demand that she resign and schedule elections to replace her and Congress. The protests turned deadly, with at least two reported deaths in a remote community in the Andes, according to officials.

Caught in crossfire: People take cover from tear gas thrown by the police during on a demonstration in Lima on Sunday. AFP

Ms. Boluarte said she will propose the scheduling of general elections for April 2024. That marks a reversal as she had previously said she should be allowed to hold the office for the remaining three-and-a-half-years of her predecessor's term.

"My duty as President of the republic in the current difficult time is to interpret, read and collect the aspirations, interests and concerns, if not of all, of the vast majority of Peruvians," Ms. Boluarte said. "So, interpreting in the broadest way the will of the citizens... I have decided to assume the initiative to reach an agreement with the congress of the republic to advance the general elections."

Many of those demonstrating in the ongoing political crisis are demanding the release from custody of Pedro Castillo, the center-left President ousted on Wednesday by lawmakers after he sought to dissolve Congress ahead of an impeachment vote.

The protests rocking Peru heated up particularly in rural areas, strongholds for Mr. Castillo, a former schoolteacher and political newcomer. Protesters set fire to a police station, vandalised a small airport used by the armed forces, and marched in the streets.

A 15-year-old boy died of an injury suffered during a protest in the remote Andes community of Andahuaylas.

Hundreds of people also protested in Lima, the capital, where riot police used tear gas.

Pakistan PM Sharif offers olive branch to Imran Khan, says he is ready to set differences aside

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

But the PM called the PTI chief a "fraud" and said he had nothing to do with the nation's future

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday offered the olive branch to his predecessor Imran Khan, saying he was ready to set aside his differences for the sake of Pakistan.

"One hundred steps can be taken forward for Pakistan. All differences can be set aside," Mr. Sharif said while addressing a press conference here. He said Finance Minister Ishaq Dar recently met President Arif Alvi, who belonged to Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, with his permission.

Mr. Alvi's meeting with Mr. Dar was dubbed by the media as the ruling coalition's bid to create a communication channel with the former Prime Minister.

"We will move 100 steps forward for the country's stability. But it takes two to tango. We have to sacrifice when nations face such a situation [as we are in]," Mr. Sharif said.

His offer of talks came after PTI once again threatened to dissolve the Assemblies of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces if a date for general election was not announced by December 20.

But while offering talks, the premier also blasted Mr. Khan by calling him "egocentric" and "fraud". "I want to tell the people that this person (Khan) is a fraud having nothing to do with the nation's future," Mr. Sharif said.

INBRIEF

British Airways restarts third daily Mumbai-London flight

British Airways (BA) has resumed operating its third daily flight, BA134, from Mumbai to London Heathrow. This is the first time since March 2020 that a third daily flight is being operated. BA now operates 49 flights a week from five cities in India "With additional flights, we will be offering a convenient choice of three flights a day from Mumbai to London which connects on to our worldwide network," said Moran Birger, BA Head of Sales for South Asia, Middle East and Africa.

'India can be a global leader in electrolysers, green hydrogen'

India can become a global leader, exporter, producer of electrolyser and a global champion of green hydrogen, but for that, multilateral institutions must also finance our entrepreneurs said India G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant. Addressing the media ahead of the G20 summit in India, Mr. Kant said, "The basic challenge is many of the multilateral institutions do direct lending, they don't do lending based on first-loss guarantee or credit enhancement or blended finance."

'Brent can quickly top $90 on Fed pivot, China demand'

Global oil benchmark Brent could rebound and quickly rise past $90 per barrel (bbl) on the back of a dovish pivot in the U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary policy and a 'successful' economic reopening by China, Bank of America (BofA) Global Research said. It forecasts Brent prices to average $100/bbl in 2023, driven also by a Chinese oil demand recovery and a drop in Russian supplies. REUTERS

Oct. industrial output contracts 4%, slide seen second time in 3 months

Shrinkage led by significant 5.6% drop in manufacturing output, minimal growth in electricity generation; contraction in capital goods worrying as it suggests private sector investment has not picked up, say economists

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's industrial output contracted by a sharp 4% in October, the second time in three months that production levels have slid year-on-year, led by a significant 5.6% drop in manufacturing output and minimal growth in electricity generation. Industrial output had grown almost 3.5% in September, as per revised numbers.

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 129.6 in October, its lowest level since September 2021. with manufacturing output slipping to its lowest mark since June 2021.

Another trough
IIP decline in October was the sharpest since August 2020

- Manufacturing output slipped to its lowest mark since June 2021
- Production declined in four of six sub-sectors
- Consumer durables, non-durables shrank a sharp 15.3% and 13.4%, respectively

Crisil chief economist Dharmakirti Joshi said the IIP decline of 4% was "the sharpest since August 2020. While an unfavourable base was partly responsible, activity declined sequentially as well".

Mining output grew 2.5%, while electricity generation rose just 1.2%.

Production declined in four of six sub-sectors, led by consumer durables as well as consumer non-durables that shrank a sharp 15.3% and 13.4% respectively from year-earlier levels.

Intermediate goods and capital goods also contracted year-on-year, by 2.8% and 2.3%, respectively, while primary goods grew 2%. Infrastructure / construction goods output rose a mere 1% in October, but was 0.7% below September 2022 levels.

Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis said the contraction in capital goods over a 1.6% decline seen last October was disappointing; it suggested private sector investment had not picked up. The continued slide in consumer durables and non-durables was also a let-down as the festival month of October would have typically lent buoyancy, he noted.

Net direct tax revenue growth accelerated to 24.3% by November

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's net direct tax collections gathered pace over the past month to touch ₹8.77 lakh crore by November 30, or 24.3% higher than the year-earlier period, constituting almost two-third of the Budget target for 2022-23.

The direct tax kitty, net of refunds, had crossed ₹7 lakh crore by September 17, 23.3% higher than 2021-22, but that growth slowed to 16.3% by October 8, when net collections stood at ₹7.45 lakh crore.

Right path: On Twitter, the Finance Ministry says 61.8% of Budget estimates for FY23 has already been met. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

In a series of tweets on Monday, the Finance Ministry said that there had been "steady growth in direct tax collections. Net collection in FY 2022-23 is 24.26% higher than the net collection for the corresponding period of the preceding year. 61.79% of Budget Estimates for FY 2022-23 already achieved."

Emphasising that refunds had been issued speedily, the Ministry said that 66.9% higher refunds were issued up to November compared with the year-earlier period.

Refunds issued

"Refunds amounting to ₹2.15 lakh crore have been issued between 1st April, 2022 to 30th Nov., 2022," it noted.

The average processing time of income tax returns had been reduced from 26 days in 2021-22 to 16 days, while the period of verification of returns had been slashed to 30 days from 120 days, the Ministry added.

'Centre not to make public RBI's report on inflation'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government ruled out making public the RBI report detailing reasons why the central bank could not keep inflation within the targeted 6% upper limit for three consecutive quarters ended September.

The provisions of the RBI Act, 1934, and regulations therein do not provide for making the report public, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply in the Parliament.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,131	-0.08
US Dollar	82.51	-0.28
Gold	54,461	0.29
Brent oil	78.09	1.87

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4016.70	19.90
Adani Ports	881.30	-9.45
Apollo Hosp	4742.30	57.20
Asian Paints	3166.35	-60.60
Axis Bank	938.65	4.95
Bajaj Auto	3596.75	-20.20
Bajaj Finserv	1592.10	-6.50
Bajaj Finance	6506.50	-10.95
Bharti Airtel	828.40	-6.50
BPCL	349.00	10.55
Britannia Ind	4432.55	22.25
Cipla	1096.80	-11.10
Coal India	232.40	3.55
Divis Lab	3338.80	64.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4452.25	45.15
Eicher Motors	3320.45	-37.75
Grasim Ind	1815.30	15.40
HCL Tech	1028.40	0.90
HDFC	2685.75	13.65
HDFC Bank	1643.75	12.70
HDFC Life	576.50	-3.10
Hero MotoCorp	2771.45	19.95
Hindalco	461.95	-0.90
Hind Unilever	2717.25	-5.00
ICICI Bank	930.30	0.40
IndusInd Bank	1206.75	4.25
Infosys	1547.20	-22.10
ITC	343.20	1.80
JSW Steel	740.85	0.45
Kotak Bank	1865.75	-22.30
L&T	2163.70	9.65
M&M	1264.00	-1.40
Maruti Suzuki	8659.75	46.40
NestleIndia	20487.35	245.60
NTPC	168.90	-0.60
ONGC	142.35	1.65
PowerGrid Corp	215.55	-1.65
Reliance Ind	2613.10	4.00
SBI Life	1263.20	-6.45
State Bank	613.05	-3.45
Sun Pharma	987.40	-5.45
TataConsumerProduct	810.05	6.75
Tata Motors	414.15	0.85
Tata Steel	111.70	1.25
TCS	3286.45	-6.30
Tech Mahindra	1032.10	-3.20
Titan	2584.65	-30.80
UltraTech Cement	7146.85	69.45
UPL	773.05	9.35
Wipro	396.35	2.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.33	82.65
Euro	86.98	87.35
British Pound	101.16	101.56
Japanese Yen (100)	60.22	60.47
Chinese Yuan	11.80	11.85
Swiss Franc	88.30	88.65
Singapore Dollar	60.88	61.13
Canadian Dollar	60.27	60.51
Malaysian Ringitt	18.64	18.72
Australian Dollar	55.80	56.02

Source:Indian Bank

Just half a month of GST compensation to States pending, FM tells Lok Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

States are only owed about half-month worth of GST Compensation dues, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

She added States' estimates of pending dues may be higher than the Centre's assessment in some cases but need to be certified by respective Accountant Generals (AGs).

"If I were to go by month, how much is pending, the last month was June 2022 till when the compensation had to be given, and nearly half of it is already paid," She informed the Lok Sabha.

States' estimates of pending dues may be higher but need to be certified by Accountant Generals

"For the rest half, we are waiting for collection to happen because it has to be given from the Compensation Cess collected."

In late November, the Centre had released ₹17,000 crore GST Compensation due to States.

She was responding to a question from Odisha MP Bhartruhari Mahtab who sought to know if the Centre intended to pay Odisha ₹3,251.53 crore in pending GST compensation. "The provisional figure of pending compensation for Odisha is ₹528.95 crore," she said, adding States' claims will be released once they are certified by the AGs.

India imported coal worth ₹2.3 lakh crore in April-September

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India imported 131.92 million tonnes (MT) of coal worth ₹2.3 lakh crore in the April-September period of FY23.

In FY22, the country's coal import of 208.93 million tonne (MT) was worth ₹2,28,741.8 crore, Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi said in a reply to the Rajya Sabha.

The coal import was 215.25 MT in FY21, 248.54 MT (FY20), 235.35 MT (FY19) and 208.25 MT (FY18), he said. Import of coal consists mainly of coking coal and high grade coal, whose prices are higher than thermal coal.

In FY22, the coal import of 208.93 MT was worth ₹2,28,742 crore, Mr. Joshi said

The average landed price per tonne of imported coal up to September of the current fiscal was ₹19,324.79 while the average notified price per tonne (ex-colliery) of domestic coal was ₹2,662.97 in the same period.

NPAs under credit line scheme stand at 3.9%: Karad

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The percentage of non-performing assets (NPAs) of loan accounts under the ECLGS stood at ₹13,964.58 crore, or 3.89% of the loan guaranteed, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Replying to a question, MoS (Finance) Bhagwat Karad said the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme introduced in May 2020 had benefited 1.19 crore borrowers with guarantee of ₹3.58 lakh crore as on November 30, 2022.

Dalmia Bharat to buy JAL cement assets valued at ₹5,666 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Dalmia Bharat Ltd. on Monday announced the acquisition of the cement assets of Jaypee Group's flagship company Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. and its associate firms at an enterprise value of ₹5,666 crore.

In a regulatory filing, Dalmia Bharat said its wholly owned subsidiary Dalmia Cement Bharat Limited (DCBL) had entered into a "binding framework agreement for the acquisition of clinker, cement and power plants from Jaiprakash Associates Limited and its associate company." The deal includes total cement capacity of 9.4 million tonnes (MT) per annum, along with clinker capacity of 6.7 MT and thermal power plants of 280 MW.

Sport

Karnataka skipper Mayank keen to create a winning team environment

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

It has been seven years since Karnataka won a Ranji Trophy title. The quest for champion status starts afresh once again, with the host taking on Services at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday. This will be the teams' first Ranji meeting.

Karnataka has slipped in the knockout stages in the last three seasons. After exiting in the semifinals twice, Karnataka was shown the door by Uttar Pradesh in the quarterfinals last season.

In skipper Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal, R. Samarth and Manish Pandey, Karnataka boasts of a settled batting line-up. Nikin Jose, Karnataka's highest run-scorer in the recent Vijay Hazare Trophy, could make his red ball debut. Mayank takes over captaincy duties from Manish.

RANJI SCHEDULE (FIRST ROUND)

Elite Group A: Haryana vs Himachal Pradesh (Lahli); Nagaland vs Uttarakhand (Sovima); Odisha vs Baroda (Bhubaneswar); Bengal vs Uttar Pradesh (Kolkata). **Group B:** Andhra vs Mumbai (Vizianagaram); Assam vs Saurashtra (Guwahati); Hyderabad vs Tamil Nadu (Hyderabad); Maharashtra vs Delhi (Pune).
Group C: Karnataka vs Services (Bengaluru); Pondicherry vs Chhattisgarh (Puducherry); Goa vs Rajasthan (Porvorim); Jharkhand vs Kerala (Ranchi). **Group D:** Punjab vs Chandigarh (Mohali); Jammu & Kashmir vs Madhya Pradesh (Jammu); Tripura vs Gujarat (Agartala); Vidarbha vs Railways (Nagpur).
Plate: Bihar vs Arunachal Pradesh (Patna); Sikkim vs Manipur (Rangpo); Mizoram vs Meghalaya (Nadiad).

On Karnataka's mighty legacy in the Ranji Trophy, Mayank said, "We have spoken about it. But we've realised over the years that if we keep thinking about winning, winning, winning, it just will not happen.

"We are hungry, we do want to win, but we have to make a plan, be adaptable and disciplined. If we can do that, with the skillsets we have, the results will take care of itself. We are determined to win, there are no two ways about it. We want to win trophies for Karnataka."

Mayank is keen to create a winning team environment, similar to the one when Karnataka dominated the domestic scene less than a decade ago.

"As a team, we want to have an atmosphere where they (youngsters) can come, learn, execute, flourish, put up match-winning performances for Karnataka and play for the country.

"The environment we want to create in the team is one of wanting to win trophies, and we're hungry for it."

Back in full swing

- After almost three years, the tournament will return to its original format. While the pandemic forced the 2020-21 season to be abandoned, the 2021-22 chapter saw the teams play just three league games each
- The 88th edition of the Ranji Trophy will be played from December 13, 2022, to February 20, 2023
- The current season will witness 135 matches, including 127 in the league. The top 32 of the 38 teams have been divided into four Elite groups while the reintroduced Plate group will have six sides
- Mumbai has won the title a record 41 times. Karnataka follows with eight and Delhi seven

Soloist for Basalath Jah Memorial Cup

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Soloist, who ran third in her last start should make amends in the Basalath Jah Memorial Cup, the main event of Tuesday's (Dec. 13) races.

1 CHAITANYA RATHAM PLATE (DIV. I) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.35 p.m.: 1. Baisa (5) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Hugh Capet (3) Akshay Kumar 59.5. 3. Pinatubo (2) B. Nikhil 58, 4. Desert Sultan (6) B.R. Kumar 57, 5. Golden Inzio (1) Aneel 55.5, 6. Precious Gift (4) Ajay Kumar 54, 7. My Marvel (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52.5 and 8. Challenger (8) Gaurav Singh 51.5.
1. BAISA, 2. HUGH CAPET, 3. DESERT SULTAN

2 NIRMAL PLATE (1,200m) (Terms), 2-y-o only (Cat. II), 2.10: 1. Assured Success (7) B. Nikhil 56, 2. Ben Hur (2) Aneel 56, 3. Huntingdon (9) Afroz Khan 56, 4. Only The Brave (1) Koushik 56, 5. Alexina (10) Santosh Raj 54.5, 6. Dolly Bird (6) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 7. Fly Me (5) Md. Ismail 54.5, 8. N R I Doublepower (4) Antony Raj 54.5, 9. Pocket Rocket (3) 53.5 and 10. Queen Empress (8) Akshay Kumar 54.5.
1. QUEEN EMPRESS, 2. ASSURED SUCCESS, 3. HUNTINGDON

3 CHAITANYA RATHAM PLATE (DIV. II) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Miss Marvellous (7) B.R. Kumar 60, 2. Candy Girl (5) Gaurav Singh 59, 3. Sweet Dancer (3) Akshay Kumar 58, 4. Soorya Vahan (2) Md. Ismail 56, 5. Deccan Ranger (6) Santosh Raj 54, 6. Amalfitana (8) Kuldeep S 53.5, 7. Sea Of Class (1) B. Nikhil 51.5 and 8. Call Of The Blue (4) Abhay Singh 51.
1. SWEET DANCER, 2. CANDY GIRL, 3. AMALFITANA

4 PALAMPET CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.15: 1. Briar Ridge (7) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Show Me Your Walk (9) Shivansh 57, 3. Bugsy (2) Surya Prakash 56.5, 4. Carlisle (10) Afroz Khan 55.5, 5. Morior Invictus (3) B. Nikhil 55.5, 6. Ok Boss (1) Ashad Asbar 54, 7. Hashtag (6) Gaurav Singh 53.5, 8. Only My Way (8) Aneel 53, 9. Classy Dame (4) Md. Ekram Alam 52 and 10. Malibu (5) B.R. Kumar 52.
1. CARLISLE, 2. BRIAR RIDGE, 3. MORIOR INVICTUS

5 STARRY SCENE PLATE (1,200m), 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Above The Law (3) Md. Ismail 60, 2. Unmatched (7) B.R. Kumar 59, 3. Mr. Perfect (13) Mukesh Kumar 58.5, 4. Cabello (8) Santosh Raj 57.5, 5. Laurus (11) Akshay Kumar 57, 6. High Reward (10) R.S. Jodha 53.5, 7. Flaming Falcon (2) B. Nikhil 52.5, 8. Samrat (12) Mohit Singh 52.5, 9. First Class (6) D.S. Deora 51, 10. Fresh Hope (1) Gaurav Singh 51, 11. Blue Label (9) Surya Prakash 50.5, 12. Inside Story (5) Afroz Khan 50.5, 13. Life Is Good (4) Abhay Singh 50 and 14. Wot's Up Jay (14) Uday Kiran 50.
1. UNMATCHED, 2. LAURUS, 3. MR. PERFECT

6 BASALATH JAH MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. Falcon Edge (–), 2. Amyra (3) Mukesh Kumar 59, 3. Soloist (1) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 4. Red Snaper (6) Afroz Khan 58, 5. Kingston (7) Gaurav Singh 57.5, 6. Xfinity (9) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 7. Stunning Force (8) Antony Raj 55.5, 8. Trump Star (4) Santosh Raj 54, 9. Bedford (5) Suraj Narredu 53.5, 10. Able Love (2) B. Nikhil 52 and 11. Blissful (10) R.S. Jodha 52.
1. SOLOIST, 2. BEDFORD, 3. AMYRA

7 CYNDY PLATE (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.45: 1. Makhtoob (5) Gaurav Singh 60, 2. Mirana (4) Ashad Asbar 60, 3. N R I Sun (10) G. Naresh 60, 4. Royal Grace (9) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 5. DRD (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 59, 6. Shazam (3) D.S. Deora 55.5, 7. Sun Dancer (6) Afroz Khan 55.5, 8. Beauty Flame (7) Rafique Sk. 54, 9. Star Racer (13) Aneel 53.5, 10. Rhythm Selection (12) Md. Ismail 53, 11. Four One Four (8) Abhay Singh 51.5, 12. Top In Class (11) Akshay Kumar 51.5 and 13. Francis Bacon (2) Surya Prakash 50.5.
1. TOP IN CLASS, 2. MAKHTOOB, 3. SHAZAM

Day's best: **TOP IN CLASS**
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7. Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 5, 6 & 7. Tanala: All races.

GAME PLAN

Argentina has worked out where to hurt Croatia, reveals Scaloni

"They have troubled many national teams. I won't mention the key players or their strengths and weaknesses, but we've analysed where we can hurt them. Sometimes it works out, sometimes it doesn't," said coach Lionel Scaloni, adding that Argentina will trust its system when it faces Croatia in the semifinals.

GETTING BETTER

Pele is conscious and has stable vital signs, say doctors

Pele is doing better after having been hospitalised to treat a respiratory infection aggravated by COVID-19, doctors at the Albert Einstein hospital in Rio de Janeiro said on Monday. Pele has been in hospital since Nov. 29. He is "conscious and has stable vital signs," a statement from the hospital said.

NO BACKING DOWN

New Spain coach de la Fuente defends his appointment

New Spain coach Luis de la Fuente defended his appointment after criticism he lacked experience at the top level. "I was a professional player for 15 years. I have (coached) 16 players who were in the Spain squad at the World Cup. If there is anyone in Spain who knows the present and the future of Spanish football, it's me."

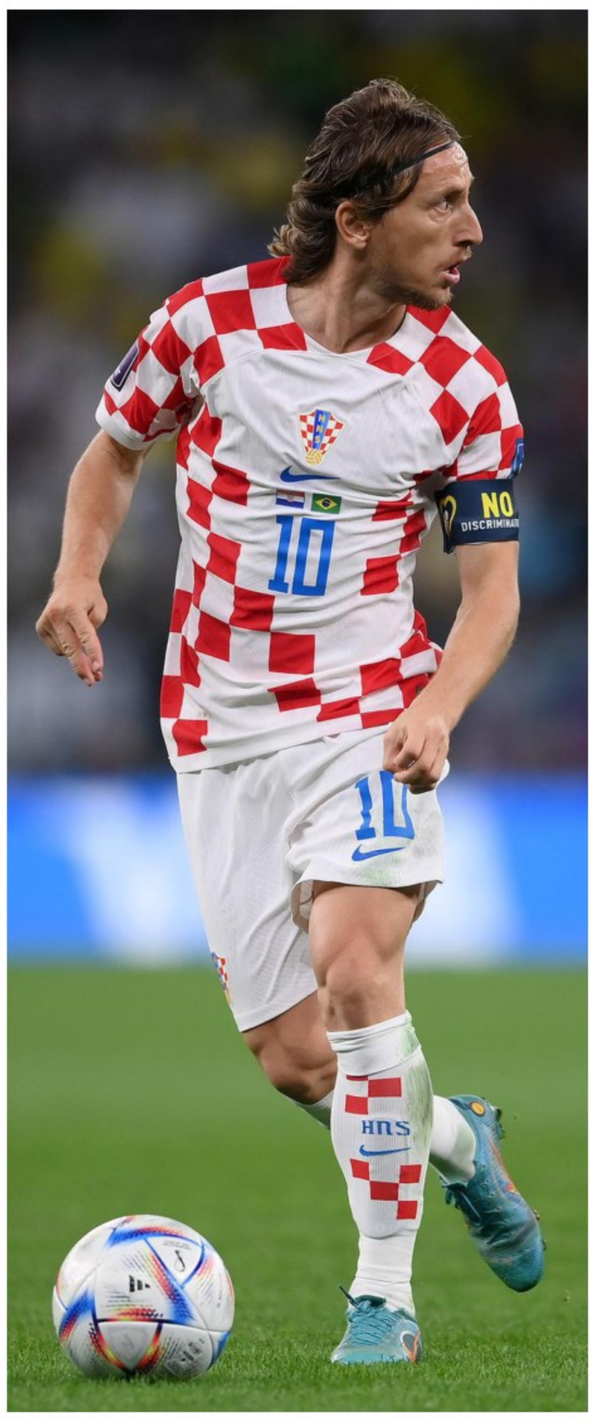
MUTUAL ADMIRATION

Mbappe's shoutout to his good friend and opponent Hakimi

Mbappe has high regard for clubmate Hakimi, a player he will face when France meets Morocco. "Achraf Hakimi. Best right-back in the world," Mbappe wrote on his Twitter account in January. Hakimi, too, praised the forward. "It's easy to play with someone like him... to give him the ball, knowing that he will make the difference."

Who will prevail in the battle of the maestros?

Will the Argentine captain Messi inspire *La Albiceleste* into the summit clash or will his counterpart and long-time *El Clasico* rival Modric conjure up another Croatian giant-killing act?



Midfield metronome: Modric holds the key to Croatia's plan of dominating the park. GETTY IMAGES

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Lionel Messi and Luka Modric would again be adversaries; both have waged a war for eternity – the engine of Barcelona (Messi is no longer in Catalunya to the dismay of many) and Real Madrid in one of football's greatest club rivalries. Now, they face in another bitter battle at the grand setting of the Lusail Stadium, carrying the hopes of their nations to make it to yet another World Cup final.

Both have come close but faltered in the end – Messi in 2014 and Modric's heartbreak more recent (2018). They have aged since, and their games are now different.

Modric, perhaps troubled by the years of those niggles, can hardly last a full game but still runs the Croatian play with a perfect partnership with Marcelo Brozovic and Mateo Kovacic in the middle. The 37-year-old completed 103 of his 115 attempted passes (the most by a player in the quarterfinal against Brazil), while the trio regained possession 21 times, acting as a wall ahead of its defence to stop the Brazilians from creating havoc in the crucial final third.

"Mateo, Luka and Marcelo are the best Croatia midfield in history. I don't think it can be repeated. When you pass them the ball it is safer than having your money in the bank," defender Josip Juranovic said. "I don't think we need to fear anybody. We need to look at ourselves to play our best game. I would say the secret of our success is our togetherness, our unity. The fact that we act and play as a family."

Messi, too, has changed and waits for his moments as his boys sprint, tackle and jostle to give their captain an extra sliver of space. At 35, he is finally having a World Cup of his dreams. His decisive interventions – the pass to Nahuel Molina against the Dutch or the goal through the legs of Australia's Harry Souttar – has elevated a group of middling stars much like Diego Maradona did to the Argentina of 1986.

"Leo is our leader who is pushing and motivating us and gives us that special advantage. We know we have Messi on the pitch and that inspires us. And all of us try to work in the same direction and do it with Messi by our side," said Nicolas Tagliafico, who will most likely take the place of Marcos Acuna, who has been suspended after a booking.

Croatia, a country of four million, has already achieved the remarkable and the emergence of RB Leipzig centre-back Josko Gvardiol, carrying a price tag of £70 million, has further strengthened its defence. Goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic made 11 saves against Brazil and stopped Rodrygo's penalty in the shootout, taking Croatia to consecutive semifinals in the quadrennial event. They will make Argentina's life miserable, offering a staunch rearguard that will be hard to break. Zlatko Dalic's side had reached the 2018 World Cup final without winning any of its knockout games in regulation time and will look to repeat the performance again.

Cohesive in attack

Argentina, though, has looked more cohesive in attack since introducing Julian Alvarez upfront, and Enzo Fernandez, too, has made an impact and had the most forward movements (51) in the win over the Netherlands.

The availability of a fit-again Rodrigo De Paul and Angel Di Maria would offer more options to coach Lionel Scaloni, who is expected to opt for a back four after using a 5-3-2 system against the Dutch. "Both the players are fit and have trained. We will need to see how many minutes they can play," he said.

Dalic might be tempted to introduce Bruno Petkovic from the start in place of Andrej Kramaric after his dramatic equaliser against Brazil, but Croatia's *modus operandi* would always be to take the game deep and rely on Livakovic's heroics.

It will continue to play the role of the underdog and rely on the collective to take a step closer to redemption and stop Messi's quest for the same.

Today's fiesta

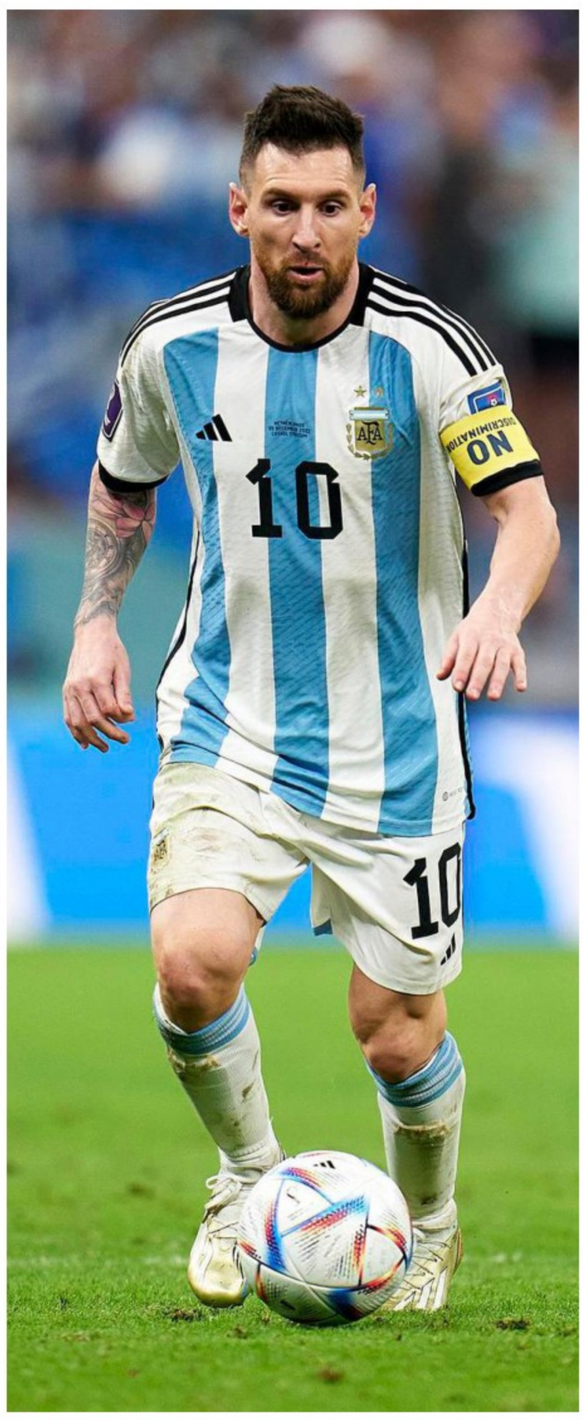
Croatia vs. Argentina, semifinal, 00.30 a.m. (Wed)

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Matches 5, Croatia 2, Argentina 2, Drawn 1

1994: Croatia drew with Argentina 0-0 (friendly)
1998: Croatia lost to Argentina 0-1 (World Cup Group Stage)
2006: Croatia bt Argentina 3-2 (friendly)
2014: Croatia lost to Argentina 1-2 (friendly)
2018: Croatia bt Argentina 3-0 (World Cup Group Stage)

- **Argentina has lost only one of its last 41 international matches** (won 28, drawn 12)
- Eight of Argentina's last 14 FIFA World Cup knockout-stage games against European sides have gone into extra-time
- **Lionel Messi will join Lothar Matthaus for record appearances at the World Cup** (25)
- Argentina has never lost a World Cup semifinal
- **Croatia has tasted defeat in only one of its last 12 World Cup contests** (won 5, drawn 6)
- Croatia has been successful in eight of its 10 World Cup knock-out phase matches
- **Five of Croatia's last six knock-out games have needed extra-time**



The talisman: Argentina's ebb and flow is directly dependent on Messi's performance. GETTY IMAGES

Wood fires England to series win

Agence France-Presse
MULTAN

Mark Wood bowled England to an exciting 26-run win in the second Test on Monday and an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The speedster took four for 65 as Pakistan was dismissed for 328 pursuing 355.

Wood swung the match England's way with the wickets of Mohammad Nawaz (45) and Saud Shakeel (94). Pakistan slumped to 291 for seven at lunch, and after the break Agha Salman (20 not out) and Abrar Ahmed (17) tried to hit out for an unlikely win to keep the series alive.

But James Anderson removed Ahmed, Wood dismissed Zahid Mahmood and Ollie Robinson sent back No. 11 Mohammad Ali.

The scores: England 281 & 275 bt Pakistan 202 and 328 in 102.1 overs (Abdullah Shafique 45, Mohammad Rizwan 30, Saud Shakeel 94, Imam-ul-Haq 60, Mohammad Nawaz 45; Mark Wood 4/65).

Aggression and flexibility the need of the hour: Rahul

INDIA IN BANGLADESH

Press Trust of India
CHATTOGRAM

A spot in the World Test Championship final at stake, India has no option but to play aggressive cricket in the two-match series against Bangladesh starting on Wednesday, stand-in skipper K.L. Rahul said here on Monday.

India will be without key players Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and regular skipper Rohit Sharma – due to injuries. India needs to win its next six Tests to remain in contention for a top-two spot in the World Test Championship.

"We will have to be aggressive. We know where we stand and what we need to do to qualify for the final," said Rahul at a media conference after the unveiling of the trophy.

Flexibility in mindset is the need of the hour and a key ingredient in the recipe for success. "There is a history to a venue, you look at the numbers and take some pointers from that. We will try to be aggressive and brave, try and get a result," he said.

This talk of aggressive intent is inspired by England's radically different approach, which has caught the imagination of cricket fans. And, Rahul doesn't think of it as "recklessness".

"I don't think it is reckless cricket. They back their players and the players are doing the job for the team," he said.

Rahul believes in empowering his players. "It is important to back your players, let them make their own decisions. It is about what we require to do as a team and as individuals to win for the country," Rahul concluded.

Eye on the prize: Rahul will have his task cut out leading a depleted India against Shakib's men. AFP

I knew Richa was going to do something special: Smriti

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

Even in her wildest of dreams, Smriti Mandhana did not imagine that she would have to walk out to bat for a second time in front of more than 45,000 delirious fans. In her second outing on a batting beauty at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Sunday, she needed to face only three balls, off which she scored four, six and three.

That helped India score 20 for one in the Super Over. It would prove enough to make Australia taste its first defeat, in any format, in over a year.

Earlier, Smriti had made a magnificent 49-ball 79, full of characteristic elegant shots, to lead India's chase of a huge total. A rash shot ended her innings when she was poised to take India home, but the 19-year-old Richa Ghosh ensured her senior partner's efforts did not go in vain.

Icing on the cake: After helping India tie the second T20I, Richa smashed the first ball for a six in the Super Over. EMMANUAL YOGINI

"I don't know actually what kind of a shot I played," Smriti said, smiling. "But it was an amazing match."

A match that, she said, will give confidence to those who investing in the Women's IPL, the inaugural edition of which is expected to kick off next March. "When people see these kinds of matches with that sort of crowd, it is definitely going to be amazing for women's cricket," she said. "The BCCI is doing everything that it can to do for women's cricket. This huge (turnout) will give a lot of confidence to the organisers and to the people who will come on board for the league."

As for the chase, she said she wanted to take it deep and trusted the people around her to hit sixes. "When I got out, I told Richa 'to finish it' and the way she replied 'yes, sister', I felt she was going to do something special."

India beats Japan, inches closer to semifinals

Press Trust of India
VALENCIA

India thwarted a late fightback from Japan to secure a 2-1 victory in the FIH Hockey women's Nations Cup here on Monday.

Salima Tete gave India a fifth minute lead when she tackled two Japanese defenders inside the D before slotting home the ball past goalkeeper Eika Nakamura.

Jharkhand teenager Beauty Dungdung then scored her first international goal at the senior level with a superb effort, emerging through a resolute Japanese hustle to find the target in the 40th minute.

Japan made a strong fightback in the final quarter and it was Rui Takashima who pulled one back in the 49th minute.

However, India managed to hold on to secure its second win from as many games.

Hyd Strikers defends title

Conny Perrin at her fluent best against Mumbai Leon Army in the summit clash

Deserving winners: Sriram Balaji, Niki Poonacha, Conny Perrin and coach Suresh Krishna celebrate Strikers' triumph.

TPL

Sports Bureau

Conny Perrin was at her fluent best as Hyderabad Strikers beat Mumbai Leon Army 41-32 to emerge champion in the fourth edition of the Tennis Premier League at the Balewadi Stadium in Pune on Sunday night.

Perrin won her singles 13-7 against Akanksha Nitture, but Ramkumar Ramanathan bridged the gap for Mumbai beating Niki Poonacha 12-8.

However, Perrin and Sriram Balaji combined to outwit Akanksha and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 13-7.

That meant Hyderabad needed only seven points in the men's doubles to seal victory, while Mumbai needed 14 points from the duo of Ramkumar and Jeevan.

With Poonacha's crisp volley closing the contest at 7-6, Hyderabad defended its crown won last year.

The champions received ₹10 lakh and the runner-up ₹5 lakh. Perrin was declared Player-of-the-Final, while the honour went to Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan in the semifinals.

The results: Final: Hyderabad Strikers bt Mumbai Leon Army 41-32 [Conny Perrin bt Akanksha NItture 13-7; Niki Poonacha lost to Ramkumar Ramanathan 8-12; Conny & Sriram Balaji bt Akanksha & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 13-7; Poonacha & Balaji bt Ramkumar & Jeevan 7-6).

Semifinals: Hyderabad Strikers bt Chennai Stallions 48-32 [Conny Perrin tied with Ekaterina Kazionova 10-10; Poonacha bt Mathias Bourgue 13-7; Conny & Balaji bt Kazionova & Anirudh Chandrashekhar 13-7; Poonacha & Balaji bt Bourgue & Anirudh 12-8).

Mumbai Leon Army bt Bengaluru Spartans 41-39 (Akanksha lost to Karman Thandi 7-13; Ramkumar bt Sidharth Rawat 11-9; Akanksha & Jeevan bt Vishnu Vardhan & Karman 12-8; Ramkumar & Jeevan bt Vishnu & Sidharth 11-9).

I realise I should not get carried away: Hangargekar

CRICKET

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

He was billed as the *Tuljapur Express* during India's victorious Under-19 World Cup campaign at the start of the year. Then came allegations of age-fudging, which coincided with him tending to his ailing mother.

The young pacer who consistently bowls at 140-plus kph, opens up ahead of his much-anticipated Ranji Trophy debut.

On his targets in maiden Ranji season: I hit a length that's rewarding irrespective of the format. I have also been working on reverse swing with the older ball. I am excited to make my debut but I also realise that I should not get carried away. It may sound cliche, but I will try and keep it simple and stick to the basics. If I can do that, it will hold me in good stead and will help the team immensely.

Hangargekar. AMOL KARHADKAR

The Syed Mushtaq Ali and Vijay Hazare trophy campaigns: The biggest lesson I learnt was how to create wicket-taking opportunities. In junior cricket, it was much easier. Over here, I had to work my way into getting batters to play falser strokes. I am glad that I could improve as both the tournaments went along.

Dealing with age-fudging allegations: I had completely switched myself off from that topic. Even earlier, there were a few incidents that may have distracted myself from cricket but my nature is such that I never sway away from my goals. I was not involved in any wrongdoing, I was focused on my tasks and my support group stood behind me.

His unique run-up, termed faulty by many experts: I have realised that I should stick to what works best for me. It's more important to be effective with the ball rather than being pleasing to the eye. I have developed a rhythm into my bowling by working hard over the years, so I don't feel it's necessary to change the run-up only for looking good.

Gagan, Chaubey in recce team for Paris '24

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), P.T. Usha has nominated vice-president Gagan Narang and joint secretary Kalyan Chaubey to help coordinate the preparation of the Indian athletes for the Paris Olympics.

The whole exercise, in finding suitable answers to meet the requirements of the Indian athletes, coaches and officials, will be done in collaboration with the Sports Ministry.

In the first phase, the aim would be to focus on the pre-Games training in Paris.

An elaborate study would be made about the venues, availability of hotels and also meals planning.

Facile win for South United Football Club

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

South United FC blanked Bangalore Gunners 3-0 in the BDFA 'A' division football league here on Monday.

The results: South United FC 3 (Anil Saloke 20, Syed Ahmed 57, Mark Francis 62) bt Bangalore Gunners FC 0; Parikrma FC 0 drew with AGORC FC 0.

Gokulam, RoundGlass win

Gokulam Kerala and RoundGlass Punjab posted identical 1-0 wins in the I-League on Monday.

The result: At Manjeri: Gokulam Kerala FC 1 (V.S. Sreekuttan 51) bt Rajasthan United FC 0.

At Srinagar: Real Kashmir 0 lost RoundGlass Punjab 1 (Pranjal Bhumij 21).

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